

## **HEARING LOSS INCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROTOCOL**

cor en	ntributors to the El gineering or work	E's hearing loss, practice change	Hearing Loss incident in identify significant noi s, and make recommer findings and recomme	se risks that should be idations to prevent fu	controlled with		
EE'	s Name:		Date Loss I	dentified://	Facility:		
1.		_	timeline/profile (i.e. wh luch was recently lost, i				
2.	Contact HR to identify EE's supervisor(s) and job title(s) during the periods of most significant hearing loss.						
	Superv	visor	Department/Unit	Job Title	Date Range		
3.	Interview the EE's protection.	s supervisor(s) t	to identify the duties of	the EE and EE's comp	liance with hearing		
4.	of task (times per	r day, week or n	possible noise sources a nonth), and approximate hours of quiet time be	e time spent with eac	ch noise source during		
5.	Perform a noise evaluation (measure noise level for each significant noise source at operator's location).						
	Task	Noise sou	irce Freque	ncy Duratio	n Noise level		



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6.	Based on frequency, duration, and noise level, identify greatest contributors.				
7.	Arrange for noise dosimetry for EE if current duties may be contributing to hearing loss and document results.				
8.	Determine if there are any engineering or work practice changes that could reduce noise exposure.				
9.	Determine what type of hearing protection EE uses and have him/her demonstrate how he/she inserts them. Fit-test and do remedial training if it has not been done already.				
10.	Using the pre-audiometric testing questionnaire (get from nurse), ask the EE about his/her off-duty noise exposures, use of hearing protection, and what the EE believes caused the hearing loss.				
11.	Conclusions/Recommendations (i.e. trend discovered, prevention options, was it more than likely non-work-related hearing loss):				
	estigator's Name: Signature:				
Date Investigation Finalized:/					