



Noise

Safety Council Solutions - Program Evaluation Form

CONTRACTOR NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ITEM NO.	CITATION REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Noise			
1	1910.95(k)(1)	Does the program provide for employee training, access to information & training materials regarding hearing protection?	The employer shall institute a training program for all employees who are exposed to action level noise. The training shall be repeated annually for each employee. Training shall be updated consistent to changes in PPE and work processes. The employer shall make available to affected employees copies of the noise exposure procedures and shall also post a copy in the workplace. The employer shall also allow the Assistant Secretary and the Director access to records.
2	1910.95(a)(b)(c)	Does program address at what noise exposure limits hearing protection shall be provided?	The employer shall administer a continuing effective hearing conservation program when employees are exposed to sound levels greater than 85 dba on an 8 hour time-weighted average basis.
3	1910.95 (d)(1)	Does program include monitoring procedures to be used when exposure limits exceed the established level?	When information indicates that employee exposure may equal/exceed the 8 hr time-weighted avg. of 85 decibels, the employer shall implement a monitoring program to identify employees to be included in the hearing conservation program.
4	1910.95(g)(1)(2)	Does the program establish & maintain an audiometric testing program for all employees whose exposures equal or exceed the 8-hr. time-weighted average of 85 decibels?	The employer shall establish & maintain an audiometric testing program by making audiometric testing available to all employees whose exposures equal or exceed an 8-hr. time-weighted avg. 85 decibels. The program shall be provided at no cost to employees.
5	1910.95(g)(5)(i)(ii)	Does the program provide for establishment of a baseline audiogram for each exposed employees?	Within 6 months of an employee's first exposure at or above the action level, the employer shall establish a valid baseline audiogram against which future audiograms can be compared. When a mobile van is used, the baseline shall be established within 1 yr.
6	1910.95(g)(5)(iii)(iv)	Does the program provide that prior to establishment of a baseline audiogram at least 14 hours without exposure to workplace noise is observed?	Testing to establish a baseline audiogram shall be preceded by at least 14 hours without exposure to workplace noise. Hearing protection may be used to meet the requirement. Employees shall also be notified to avoid high levels of noise.
7	1910.95(g)(6)(7)(i)(8)(i)	Does the program provide for an annual audiogram?	At least annually after obtaining the baseline audiogram, the employer shall obtain a new audiogram for each employee exposed at or above an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels. Each employee's annual audiogram shall be compared to that employee's baseline audiogram to determine if the audiogram is valid and if a standard threshold shift has occurred. If a comparison of the annual audiogram to the baseline audiogram indicates a standard threshold shift, the employee shall be informed of this fact in writing, within 21 days of the determination.

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8	1910.95(g)(8)(ii)(A) (B)(C) (D)(g)(iii)(A)(B)	Does the program outline what steps are to be taken when a standard threshold shift occurs?	Use of hearing protection shall be re-evaluated and/or refitted and if necessary a medical evaluation may be required.
9	1910.95(i)(1)(2)	Does the program provide that hearing protectors are available to all employees exposed to an 8-hr. time-weighted average of 85 decibels.	This is done at no cost to employee(s). Hearing protection shall be replaced as necessary. Employer's shall ensure that hearing protectors are worn. Employees shall be properly trained in the use, care & fitting of protectors.
10	1910.95(j)(1)	Does the program provide for evaluation of hearing protector for specific noise environments?	The employer shall evaluate hearing protection for the specific noise environments in which the protector will be used.
11	1910.95(m)	Does the program provide for the required recordkeeping?	The employer shall maintain accurate record of all employee exposure measurements and that all records are maintained as required by the regulation.

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