

Summary

Industrial noise problems are extremely complex. There is no "standard" program applicable to all situations. In view of developments in the workmen's compensation field, however, it behooves industry to consider and evaluate its noise problems and to take steps toward the establishment of effective hearing conservation procedures.

As a minimum, a hearing conservation program in industry should include

- 1 Noise exposure evaluation
- 2 Engineering control of noise exceeding Threshold Limit Values

- 3 Audiometric examinations for all new employees to be performed in accordance with good medical practice, and

- 4 Ear protection for those employees working in areas where noise cannot be controlled economically

Detailed references to noise, its management, effects, and control will be found in a great variety of books and periodicals. For those companies needing assistance in establishing hearing conservation programs, consultation services are available in a number of professional areas through private consultation, insurance, and governmental groups.

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