USC University of Southern California

USC Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) Flowchart

NOISE CONCERN IS IDENTIFIED

SUPERVISOR CONTACTS EH&S

Supervisor requests a noise evaluation by EH&S

EH&S NOISE EVALUATION

Is noise exposure ≥ 85 dBA 8-hour TWA; or > 140 dBC Peak?

NO

ACTION

No further action is required.

YES

ENGINEERING CONTROLS - 1

Are engineering controls feasible?

NO

YES

HEARING PROTECTION DEVICES

Employee wears hearing protection until engineering controls are implemented

ENGINEERING CONTROLS - 2

Are engineering controls now implemented?

YES

NO

HCP ENROLLMENT

EH&S enrolls employee in the Hearing Conservation Program.

EH&S ACTIONS

1. Record occupational hearing loss case on CAl/OSHA Form 300.
2. Re-evaluate engineering and administrative controls; PPE.

YES

RECORDABLE THRESHOLD SHIFT

Was the STS also a Recordable Threshold Shitf?

NO

YES

STANDARD THRESHOLD SHIFT (STS)

Was STS detected?

NO

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROVIDER (OHP)

1. OHP performs baseline audiogram.
2. OHP conducts annual audiogram.

EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Contact EH&S for training.
2. Wear hearing protection as instructed.
3. Follow any noise reduction procedures as required.
4. Repeat training annually.

SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Supervisor notifies employee of enrollment and schedules audiometric testing with the Occupational Health Provider