

CSD Hearing Conservation Program

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Due to your work on or around aircraft you may have been exposed to excessive, possibly severe, noise levels. Minimizing your exposure time and protecting yourself through the proper use of adequate protective personal equipment like earplugs or earmuffs are reasonable precautions that you are expected to take when in noisy environments as part of your job.

Since you may have been exposed to excessive noise levels within the last 12 months (or might be within the coming 12 months), you have been enrolled in the CSD Hearing Conservation Program, which can be found in section 11 of the CSD Safety and Environmental Compliance Manual on the CSD Safety webpage: <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/csd/safety/index.html#resources>

The standard OSHA Hearing Conservation Program requirement limit is an exposure above the 8 hr time-weighted average of 85 decibels. However, employing adequate personal noise suppressing gear (ear plugs, ear muffs, etc.) as advised by NOAA AOC and other Research Aircraft Operators (e.g., NCAR/RAF) will protect your hearing and, if used correctly, no adverse effect to your hearing should occur.

Because of your exposure/potential exposure and enrollment in the CSD program, CSD is making optional audiometric testing available to you at no cost. A first test will establish a baseline for you and new audiograms will be offered annually thereafter while you are exposed/potentially exposed to noise levels above an 8 hr time-weighted average of 85 decibels. CSD has made arrangements for audiometric testing at the DSRC Health Unit in GB 101.

At your earliest convenience make an appointment at the Health Unit (x 3801) to schedule the audiometric test. To ensure the most accurate result, please make sure that you are not exposed to high noise levels in the 14 hours preceding your test.

For questions on the CSD program, consult the CSD Safety webpage or talk to CSD ASRs (Ranajit or Gerd). Thanks.

Currently the following colleagues are in the CSD Hearing Conservation Program:

Aikin, Ken	Middlebrook, Ann
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Dube, Bill	Schwarz, Joshua
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Gao, RuShan	Thompson, Chelsea
Gilman, Jessica	Thornberry, Troy
Gordon, Timothy	Veres, Patrick
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