

to during the other 15 or 16 hours is something else. Audiometric testing can show that a man has, or has not, had his hearing ability impaired, but it cannot show where, when or how.

Clearly, there are two actions required by responsible employers.

First, know what the law requires, and comply. It's to everyone's advantage, including your own.

Second, keep informed on what your lawmakers are doing. Proposed regulations are published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, with information on how to make comment. When proposals are made that you don't agree with, say so. The people who write the regulations in Washington truly are interested in what you think and want your help. They're hardworking, concerned people who are trying to do a good job. But, as one OSHA official put it, "If we propose a regulation and hear no comments on it, we can only assume that we are exactly right or else nobody cares".

Need more be said?

#### 1910.95 Occupational noise exposure.

(a) Protection against the effects of noise exposure shall be provided when the sound levels exceed those shown in Table G-16 when measured on the A scale of a standard sound level meter at slow response.

(b) (1) When employees are subjected to sound exceeding those listed in Table G-16, feasible administrative or engineering controls shall be utilized. If such controls fail to reduce sound levels within the levels of Table G-16, personal protective equipment shall be provided and used to reduce sound levels within the levels of the table.

(2) If the variations in noise level involve maxima at intervals of 1 second or less, it is to be considered continuous.

(3) In all cases where the sound levels exceed the values shown herein, a continuing, effective hearing conservation program shall be administered.

Table G-16—Permissible Noise Exposures<sup>1</sup>

Duration per day, hours	Sound level dBA slow response
8	90
6	92
4	95
3	97
2	100
1 1/2	102
1	105
1/2	110
1/4 or less	115

<sup>1</sup> When the daily noise exposure is composed of two or more periods of noise exposure of different levels, their combined effect should be considered, rather than the individual effect of each. If the sum of the following fractions:  $C1/T1 + C2/T2 + Cn/Tn$  exceeds unity, then, the mixed exposure should be considered to exceed the limit value.  $Cn$  indicates the total time of exposure at a specified noise level, and  $Tn$  indicates the total time of exposure permitted at that level.

Exposure to impulsive or impact noise should not exceed 140 dB peak sound pressure level.

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