

# I have a recordable STS! Now what???

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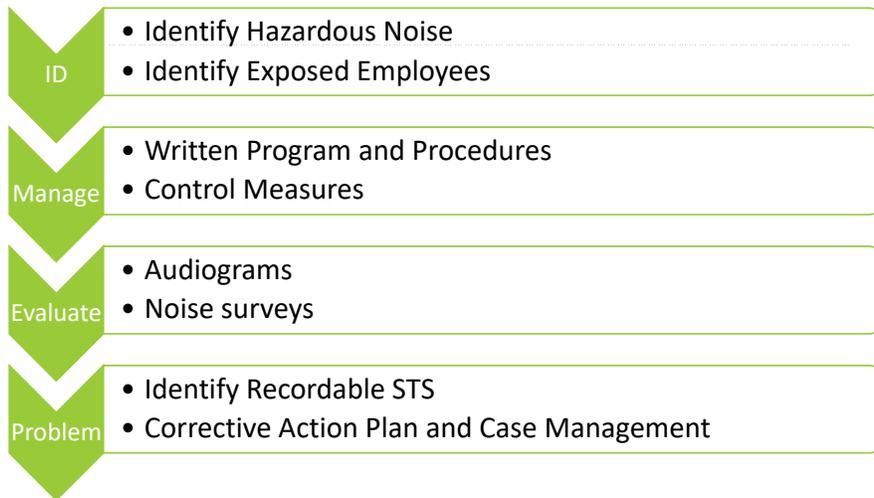
## Agenda

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- Overview of hearing conservation program
- Managing hearing loss cases
- Prevention



## Hearing Conservation Program



## Identify Recordable STS Case

1. Annual audiogram or complaint by employee (symptoms)
2. Repeat audiogram to confirm results (OSHA Recordable)
3. Further evaluation – work-relatedness, baseline revision
4. New PEL (85 dB, 8-hour TWA)
5. Corrective action plan
  1. Training
  2. PPE
  3. Other?
6. Monitor



## What happens when employees files a CA-2?

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1. Employee provides information to OWCP for claim.
  1. [Form CA-35](#)
2. OWCP sends request for information to employer.
3. Employer responds to request for information.
4. Case is investigated.
  1. May request additional information.
  2. Can take 90 days to 10 months depending on severity.
5. Claim is approved or denied.
6. Regardless of outcome, you still have an employee with a hearing loss.

## Request for Information

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- Human Resources (CPAC)
  - SF-171 Application
  - Job Title and Description
  - Hire Date
- Safety Office
  - Results of noise surveys
  - Inspection records related to hazardous noise exposure
- Occupational Health
  - Medical records related to claim
  - Audiometric review
  - Audiograms

## Request for Information for Supervisor

- Job hazard analysis
- Training records
- PPE records
  - Types of hearing protection provided
  - NRR for hearing protection provided
- Workplace Description
  - Location of hazardous noise
  - Sources of hazardous noise
  - Duration of exposure
  - Frequency of exposure
  - Date of last exposure

*Does your documentation show you're doing everything you can to manage exposure to hazardous noise in your workplace?*

## What can you do now?

1. Engineering Controls
  - Equipment replacement
  - Equipment maintenance
  - Sound barriers
  - Substitution (ototoxins)
2. Administrative Controls
  - Warning signs
  - Training
  - Policies and procedures
  - Job rotation
3. PPE
  - Variety
  - Fit testing

