<< Farm Name >> HEARING CONSERVATION PLAN CHECKLIST

**NOISE MEASUREMENT**

1. Determined representative noise exposure levels for all noise-exposed jobs in accordance with standards in Part 2 of the Nova Scotia Occupational Health & Safety Workplace Regulations.

1. A report of the noise survey findings is available for review.

**NOISE CONTROLS**

1. Identified major noise sources and options for engineered noise controls.
2. Where practicable, implemented engineered noise controls.

1. Where engineering controls were impracticable, implemented administrative controls, such as rotating schedules.

1. Developed a noise control maintenance plan.

1. Have noise specifications for use when purchasing new equipment.

1. Include noise control in new facility planning.

**HEARING PROTECTION/PPE**

1. Select hearing protection in accordance with criteria specified in American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) tables.

1. Individually fit each worker with hearing protectors and train them in its use and care.

1. Replace hearing protection on a regular basis.

1. Recheck each worker’s hearing protection during annual hearing test for condition, fit and correct placement.

1. Strictly and consistently enforce hearing protection use where required.

**SIGNAGE**

1. Post warnings signs in all areas where a noise hazard exists.

1. Signs warn all workers to wear hearing protection in these areas.

**HEARING TESTS**

1. Hearing tests are conducted in accordance with the requirements specified in the American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) tables.
2. Workers are advised to bring their hearing protection with them to the hearing test.

1. Workers are privately and individually counselled on the hearing test results and, on the use, and care of hearing protection.

1. Maintain records of hearing tests in a confidential manner.

1. Test all noise-exposed workers annually.

1. Submit test results to the farm owner and the HSC/HSR, if applicable.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Noise-exposed workers have received education and training on:

1. Regulatory requirements and responsibilities.

1. Occupational exposure limits for noise.

1. The effects of noise on hearing.

1. Farm policies and procedures on eliminating noise as a hazard.

1. Identification of hazardous noise sources in the workplace.
2. Results of noise level measurements.

1. Proper use and maintenance of hearing protection.

1. Purpose and importance of hearing testing.

1. Worker responsibilities for preventing hearing loss.
2. Supervisors responsible for noise-exposed workers have been trained on hearing loss to understand the plan goals and policies and use and fitting of hearing protection.

**ANNUAL PLAN REVIEW**

1. Plan addresses/fulfills the requirements in the American Conference of Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) tables.

1. Annually review the plan’s effectiveness.

1. Address identified deficiencies in an action plan.

1. Implement and document action plan.

1. Share results of the review with the HSC/HSR if applicable.

The review addresses:

1. Need for additional noise level measurement.

1. Effectiveness of education and training.

1. Adequacy of noise control measures.

1. Selection and use of hearing protection.

1. Results of hearing tests, including rate and extent of noise-related hearing loss.