<< 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.