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TRARONEIGHTSIXINST 6260.6N
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TRARON EIGHT SIX INSTRUCTION 6260.6N

From: Commanding Officer, Training Squadron EIGHT SIX

Subj: HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23G

1. Purpose. To implement a program to prevent hearing loss in personnel assigned to areas of high intensity noise.

2. Cancellation. TRARONEIGHTSIXINST 6260.6M

3. Scope. This instruction applies to all military personnel working in high intensity noise level areas as depicted in enclosure.

4. Discussion

a. Reference (a) directs routine annual or monitoring audiograms be conducted on all personnel working in areas with noise levels exceeding 84dB(A). All military personnel receive a reference hearing test upon entry into the Naval Service. Future hearing tests are then compared to the reference audiogram. The types of protection available and the importance of using these protective devices must be emphasized to each individual.

b. Noise levels on the flight line and in the cockpit of the T-45 exceed 84dB(A). Noise levels on the flight line within 100 feet of turning aircraft can exceed 104dB(A).

5. Personal Protective Measures

a. There are two general types of devices designed to acoustically attenuate noise.

(1) Insert type - plugs which are inserted into the ear canal.

(2) Circumaural type - devices which cover the entire ear. This type is also incorporated into certain types of helmets.

b. Foam insert ear plugs may be obtained from the Ready Room or Paraloft by those persons requiring ear plugs.

c. The use of insert and circumaural type hearing protection are the best personal protective measures known today. When used correctly they have proven to be of great value in preventing hearing loss and minimizing the effects of intense noise.

d. Reference (a) requires that hearing protective devices shall be worn by all personnel upon entering or working in an area where operations generate noise levels that exceed 84dB(A).

e. Reference (a) states that a combination of insert type and circumaural type hearing protective devices (double protection) shall be worn in all areas where noise levels exceed 104dB(A).

6. Action

a. All personnel identified for inclusion in the hearing conservation program shall receive initial instruction during check-in and at least annual refresher training thereafter. Records of such training shall be documented in ESAMS.

b. At a minimum, foam ear plugs **shall** be worn on the flight line when aircraft are turning. It is recommended that circumaural and foam inserts be worn for maximum protection or for periods of expected prolonged exposure.


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