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Title: Hearing Protection Devices 101 – Fit-Testing

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The OSHA-NHCA-NIOSH Alliance and the U.S. Department of Defense recognize Hearing Protection Device (HPD) Fit-Testing as a “best practice” for hearing conservation programs. This webinar will introduce the concept of HPD Fit-Testing, its application to current hearing conservation programs, the various commercially available HPD Fit-Test methodologies. Finally, a number of lessons learned regarding HPD fit-testing from the Regional Hearing Conservation Program of Record at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory (NSMRL) will be discussed. The intended audience are hearing conservation professionals (e.g., technicians, audiologists, occupational health service providers) who are interested in expanding their field of practice to include HPD fit-testing.

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Learning Objectives:

- Identify the differences in HPD fit-test methods.
- Identify how a Personal Attenuation Rating can be used to determine an appropriate and adequate HPD for the work environment.
- Recognize the different applications for HPD fit-testing in a Hearing Conservation Program.

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