

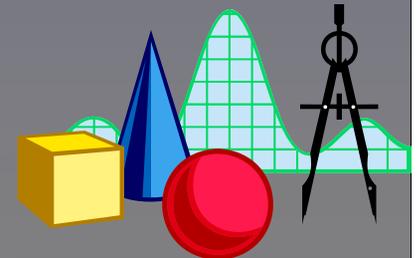


U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration
Protecting Miners' Safety and Health
Since 1978

One MSHA Noise Committee

Presented to:

**CMS&H Noise Training – Part
62 District and Field Office
Trainers**



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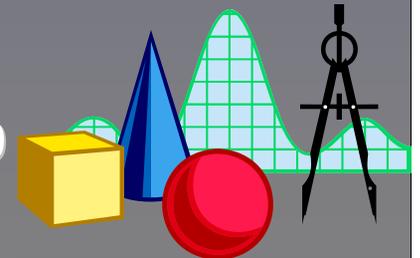
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Background

Chronology of MSHA Actions Related to Part 62

Before the One MSHA Noise Committee

1. Final Rule – Health Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure - September 13, 1999 with a effective date of September 13, 2000
2. Fact Sheet “Health Standards to Protect Miners from Hearing Loss – Sept. 1999
3. IG 32 A Guide to Conducting Noise Sampling – February 2000
4. Compliance Guide to MSHA's Occupational Noise Exposure Standard Dated: March 2000
5. Audiometric Testing Reference Guide for MSHA’s Occupational Noise Exposure Standard – July 2000
6. Noise Source Identification Project – July 2000
(Team Team PowerPoint® Presentations CY 2002)



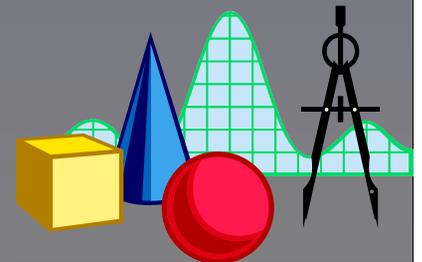
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7. PPL P00-IV-3 / P00-V-2 issued August 4, 2000 (Reissued as P02-IV-1 / P02-V-1 and again as P04-IV-1 / P04-V-1) ; Subject: Q&A Noise Enforcement Policy
8. Initial Part 62 training (Train the trainer strategy with the districts training the inspectorate independently)

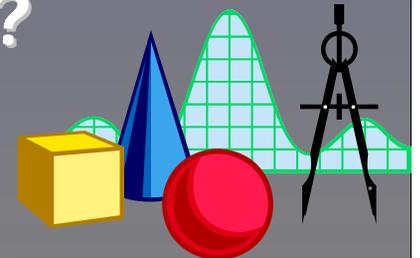


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Questions ?

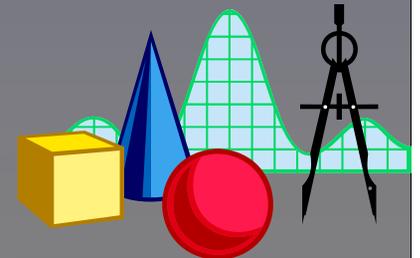
- What noise controls are out there?
- What controls are achievable, technologically and economically?
- Is there consistent application and interpretation of the rule?
- Does enforcement differ between metal/nonmetal and coal programs, and/or from district-to-district?
- When should a P-code be assigned?



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One MSHA Noise Committee

- Inter-disciplinary team
- Headquarters and field staff
- Mix of programs & directorates (CMS&H, M/NMS&H, T/S, SOL, EP&D)
- Mission-focused and dedicated
- Diverse, yet complementary



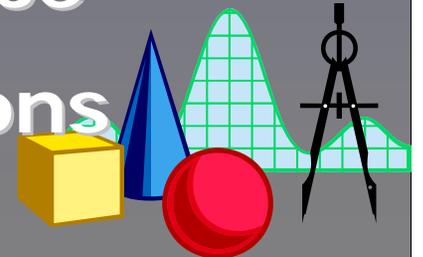
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Committee's Purpose (Charge)

To develop One MSHA approach:

- Enforcement policies & procedures
- Administrative & engineering controls
- Technologic achievability determinations
- Economic achievability guidance
- P-code process & determinations

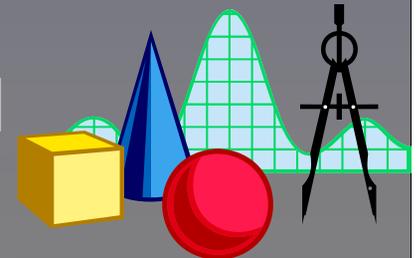


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Committee's Priorities

- To identify the suite of engineering and administrative controls that are technologically achievable and feasible;
- To develop enforcement policies, procedures and guidance that would ensure uniform application of the rule in Coal and M/NM; and
- To standardize the manner in which P-codes are reviewed and issued.



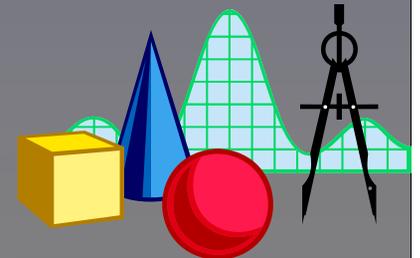
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Committee's Guidelines on Activities

"Keep Your Stakeholders Informed"

- ✓ Address general misunderstandings of the noise rule requirements
- ✓ Seek the input of field personnel
- ✓ Engage stakeholders i.e. NVMA, NMA, BCOA, UMWA, USWA, NSSGA, IMA...
- ✓ Work with NIOSH on the evaluation of noise control effectiveness
- ✓ Work with Coal Noise Partnership & NIOSH to address noise problems
- ✓ Share data, information & successes

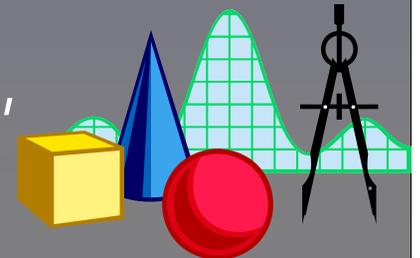


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Committee's Products (Deliverables)

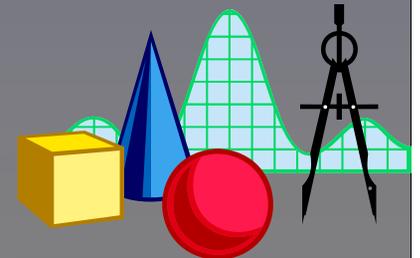
- ✓ January 22, 2004, PIB-04-05, "Basis for Assigning a P-Code For Noise Overexposure"
- ✓ August 2, 2004, PIB-04-18, "Technologically Achievable, Administratively Achievable and Promising Noise Controls (30 CFR Part 62)"
- ✓ November, 2004, "Noise Control Resource Guides (Surface, Preparation Plants, Underground Mines) – MSHA Website, Noise Single Source Page



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Committee's Products (Deliverables)

- Uniform Mine Health Inspection Procedures Handbook – Noise Chapter
- Program Instruction Letter (PIL)
“Instructions for Determining the Feasibility of Noise Controls”
- Training for Inspectors and stakeholders.
 - Up-date on subsequent directives (immediate need)
 - Training for new mine inspectors and refresher training (long-term need)



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