

## **The CDC/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Hearing Loss Prevention Research Strategic Plan**

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This paper presents a formal statement of goals for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Hearing Loss Research (HLR) program, and the strategic plan for attaining those goals during the next decade (2007-2016). The plan capitalizes on a 2006 review of relevance and impact of NIOSH hearing loss research conducted during the previous decade (1995-2006) which was recently completed by the National Academies of Science, Institute of Medicine (IOM). It is vital to share the NIOSH HLR strategic plan and specific goals for the next decade with fellow researchers and key stakeholders. These strategic goals and the planned intramural and recommended extramural research associated with each goal are presented in the paper. The vision that drives the Plan is: "In 10 years every occupational noise exposed worker in the US will be touched by NIOSH knowledge and technology".