



NAME:

FILE NUMBER:

I. HISTORY:

(A) Our adjudication and possible awards are based solely on the fact of causality of all or a portion of the loss arising from exposure related to Federal Civilian employment. The only history of noise exposure on which this case can be legitimately adjudicated is that defined by the Statement of Accepted Facts. If there is any variance in the history as given by the patient and that contained in the Statement of Accepted Facts, it should be carefully considered and commented upon, but the opinion you render must be based solely on the Statement of Accepted Facts.

IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT VARIATION FROM THE STATEMENT OF ACCEPTED FACTS?

(B) Please comment on this patient's hearing at the beginning of his/her significant noise exposure in Federal Civilian employment, if audiometric data is available.

(C) Compare, if possible, the present audiometric findings to those at the beginning of exposure. Does this individual show a sensorineural loss that is in excess of what would be normally predicated on the basis of presbycusis?

(D) Was the workplace exposure, as described in the material provided, sufficient as to intensity and duration to have caused the loss in question?

(E) Please provide all other relevant history facts, (such as other noise exposure) emotional disorders, systemic diseases, (such as diabetes) local infections, ototoxic drug usage, surgery, etc. as they relate to this individual's hearing loss sensorineural or conductive.

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II. PHYSICAL EXAM

Please make this as extensive as necessary in line with any findings bearing on this individual's hearing loss. If only a minimal note is required, please include at least the following:

Describe the canals and drums.

Drum Motility:

Result of Basic fork tests:

Is there indication of any medical condition such as an acoustic neuroma or meniere's disease? Please explain.

Other:

III. OPINION

DIAGNOSIS: _____

If sensorineural or mixed, complete the following:

The sensorineural hearing loss seen is, in part or all, in my opinion

DUE

NOT DUE

to noise exposure encountered in this claimant's Federal civilian employment.

Medical rationale supporting the above position:

Recommendations:

Signature of Physician _____

IV. VERIFICATION OF AUDIOMETRIC TESTING

Audiologist's Name _____

AUDIOGRAM IS ONLY ACCEPTABLE FOR USE IF AUDIOLOGIST IS AHSA CERTIFIED OR HAS A STATE LICENSE - REFER FOR TESTING IF OFFICE AUDIOLOGIST DOES NOT MEET THIS CRITERIA.

ASHA Cert. I.D. _____ State License I.D. _____

Audiometer:

Manufacturer _____ Model _____ Serial No. _____

Type (manual, automatic, microprocessor) _____

CALIBRATION (BN. NO. 82-18 requires annual calibration to ANSI 1969 Standards)

Date Calibrated : Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

By Whom _____

The audiometric test results are valid and representative of this employee's hearing sensitivity.

Yes No

If you have reservations concerning the audiometric test findings, please state what additional evaluations or tests you would suggest.

BOTH SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED. IF THE OPINIONS VARY, PLEASE ATTACH A SIGNED SHEET WITH EXPLICATIVE RATIONALE.

Signature _____ Audiologist

Signature _____ Physician

Please note the following points which are commonly missed and without which adjudication cannot be completed.

(1) Please include your complete audiograms with air conduction thresholds between 500 and 8000 Hz. and bone conduction thresholds between 500 and 4000 Hz. Please include impedance audiometry.

(2) Be sure the audiologist is state licensed, or certified in audiology by the American Speech Language Hearing Association.

(3) Be sure all opinions are completed and signed by the appropriate individuals.

V. AUDIOMETRIC TEST RESULTS:

TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF TEMPORARY THRESHOLD SHIFT, THE PATIENT SHOULD NOT BE TESTED UNLESS FREE OF SIGNIFICANT NOISE EXPOSURE FOR AT LEAST 16 HOURS - OTHERWISE RESCHEDULE. PATIENT FREE FROM NOISE EXPOSURE FOR _____ HOURS PRIOR TO TESTING.

Audiometric testing completed on _____ at _____
(date) (hour)

Pure-tone Audiometry (please also include your complete audiograms with air conduction threshold from 500 through 8000 Hz; bone conduction from 500 through 4000 Hz; and the tympanogram, acoustic reflexes and/or other impedance testing.) *

Is a significant air-bone gap present?

	Right - Yes ()	No ()		Left - Yes ()	No ()
	Right Ear			Left Ear	
	AIR	BONE		AIR	BONE
500 Hz	____ dB	____ dB		____ dB	____ dB
1000 Hz	____ dB	____ dB		____ dB	____ dB
2000 Hz	____ dB	____ dB		____ dB	____ dB
3000 Hz	____ dB	____ dB		____ dB	____ dB
4000 Hz	____ dB	____ dB		____ dB	____ dB
6000 Hz	____ dB			____ dB	
8000 Hz	____ dB			____ dB	

* The frequency 3000 Hz is required for adjudication in Federal compensation cases.

Was masking (narrow-band) utilized for Pure-Tone Audiometry? Yes ____ No ____ LEVEL: ____ dB

SPEECH AUDIOMETRY	RIGHT	LEFT
Speech Reception Threshold (SRT)	____ dB	____ dB
Auditory Discrimination Scores	____ %	____ %
Discrimination Test given at	____ HL	____ HL

Was masking (wide-band) utilized for speech audiometry? YES ____ NO ____ LEVEL: ____ dB

Do the SRT and PTA (pure tone average) scores agree with 6 dB? YES ____ NO ____

If not, do they agree using the best two frequency "Fletcher" method? YES ____ NO ____

If not, please explain if you believe the discrepancy is of an organic or functional basis and include as much detail as you can?

If there is a marked audiometric discrepancy between each ear, were there particular conditions of exposure or protection that justify this difference? Explain any such difference as fully as possible.