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ABOUT THE SESSION:

Technology to help workers hear and communicate while wearing hearing protection

Wearing hearing protection devices (HPDs) is a necessary component of a hearing conservation program (HCP) but workers sometimes report that HPDs interfere with their ability to hear important sounds in the work area and communicate with co-workers. During this session we will highlight technologies that help hearing protection users overcome some of these challenges.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Participants will be able to:

- Describe how hearing protectors may interfere with communication and situational awareness
- Explain how workers may use hearing protectors incorrectly in an attempt to hear important sounds and conversations

Identify technologies that may make it easier to detect and identify critical sounds in the work area and facilitate communication