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**NEW WEB SITE DELIVERS THE LATEST INFORMATION AND
RESOURCES ON PROPOSED NRR LABELING CHANGES**

Indianapolis, IN, January 15, 2009: As the EPA works to better align Noise Reduction Ratings (NRR) with real-world use of hearing protection, a number of proposed changes to testing, labeling, and regulations are underway. A new web site, www.NRRUpdate.com, has been developed to provide the latest information, regulatory updates, expert insights and resources for those who are charged with implementing the new regulations into the workplace.

Sponsored by hearing conservation leaders E-A-R, Peltor and 3M, www.NRRUpdate.com offers news updates as changes are made, answers to frequently asked questions, articles as well as an opportunity to pose questions to hearing conservation experts, including E-A-R Senior Scientist Elliott Berger, and 3M Technical Advisor Ted Madison. “There are a number of agencies and steps involved before the changes can go into effect,” notes Elliott Berger. “Visitors can learn about the various agencies and organizations involved, including the EPA and ANSI, and better understand how they fit into the regulatory process. They can also see side-by-side comparisons of the old and proposed new labels and the rationale behind the revised standard, which should ultimately make it easier to choose effective hearing protection.”

Additional Information

To stay informed about pending changes to the Noise Reduction Rating and related technical issues, visit www.NRRUpdate.com and sign up to receive periodic technical updates from E-A-R, Peltor and 3M.

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