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Ototoxicity in the South African mining industry: a position paper

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Abstract

This position paper asserts that exposure to chemicals in certain occupations and work activities in the mining industry can lead to ototoxicity which accentuates the problem of NIHL. Increased awareness of all factors that lead to NIHL, in particular ototoxicity in the mining industry, and the implementation of risk assessment and prevention measures can assist the industry in the quest to eliminate NIHL.