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1. Almost no comment about the synergistic effects of noise and lead exposure. Recommend introductory paragraph describing the potential ototoxic effects of lead. Also should include ototoxic effects of cleaning agents they might use in maintaining a range facility. Also no mention of asphyxiants.

2. They do mention earplugs relative to noise protection and they also mention hand hygiene in relation to dermal and oral exposure but there is no mention of hand hygiene prior to insertion of plugs (especially disposable plugs with foam-like texture) nor was there mention of cleaning and care of non-disposable plugs and/or muffs to reduce contamination.

3. There is separate citations on monitoring for blood leads and monitoring for noise exposure but no mention of monitoring hearing with elevated blood leads.

Very Respectfully,

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