



Prelude:
The MOSH Noise Team has struggled to establish COPAs for the past 4 years. There have been numerous requests from Industry Team Members, Adopters, Leaders, Individual mines, etc to nominate COPA Members but to no fruition. Between 2012 and 2013 there were more than six officially requests from the industry to nominate COPA members but to date the Team has received less than 4 nominees from a potential 80 COPA Members. Some of the reasons sited for this anomaly are: nature of the practice (part of the regulatory HCP), enough work is done during other engagements, OH departments being under capacitated etc
With this Strategic Objective, The MOSH Noise Team is left with two options namely, to do things differently or do different things, hence the following steps are taken that are not inline with the MOSH handbook:
a) Request all Adopters to nominate potential COPA members
b) Responses (number of, rate etc) and actual nominees will be discussed with the GEEs and MOSH Task Force Members for their final official position on this issue which will then be take to Chamber Council Members
The main objective of these COPAs will be to facilitate learning's, standardized PoE for adoption, Continuously revision of the LPAG and the MOSH Process

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Since 2011, the MOSH Noise Team has been looking for potential leading practices from the Mines
Between 2011 to early 2013 the leading practice search was mainly a bottom up approach where the Noise Team visited individual mines and lastly because of the nature of this noise hazard, it favours a more holistic approach as opposed to identifying one practice. Industry meeting were also used in this regard. It should be noted that although the industry is indeed trying a couple of things and innovations though none seems meet the requirements of a leading practice that will widely be adopted
Between 2013 and 2014 the MOSH Noise Team then adopted a Top-down approach where they solicit (ed) leading practice from Group Engineers (GEE) in their capacity as Senior Occupation Hygienists (operational). Three potential practices were identified and verified, felt that one was in research phase, the other still needed some refinements and the other to be pursued as a Simple Leading Practice Objective 4)
To date the MOSH Noise Team has solicited the Leading Practices from the following Mining houses: Impala Platinum, Amplats, Sibanye, Glencore, Harmony, Petra Diamonds.
In the next two months the MOSH Noise Team will visit the following mines: Anglo Gold Ashanti, Lonmin, Exxarro, Northam, BHP Billiton the Collieries
From these mine visits the Team will have a comprehensive list of practices on offer both from a mine perspective and from a mining house perspective. As part of the preparation, Team will also analyze OH statistics from stakeholders and institutions (Chamber of Mines, Rand Mutual Assurance exposure figure, Noisy Equipment and numbers, NIHL cases
Update and Review the Risk summary
Follow the MOSH hand book chapters 3 and 4
In the event that, that the Team fails to obtain a leading practice, a workshop will be held where the Team will share with the Industry the findings and lessons learned