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A new Environmental Protection Agency report says 80 million Americans are afflicted by high noise levels, about 40 million of them at high enough intensities to cause some hearing loss. Jackhammers and other kinds of pneumatic equipment are among the most jarring offenders. They produce noise emissions from about 82 to 97 A-weighted decibels, enough to cause hearing loss with sufficient exposure. See p. 189. (Photo: National Bureau of Standards)

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