

Distanced Based Assessment (Noisiest Plant)

Steps for Assessment:

1. Schedule noisy works to occur in standard hours where possible or before 11pm and implement Standard Measures.
2. Select the representative noise area category. The worksheet titled 'Representative Noise Environ.' provides a number of examples to help select the noise area category.
3. Select the noisiest plant. If not found in drop-down list, refer to 'Source List' and select a representative plant with equivalent sound power level.
4. Is there line of sight to receiver? Select the appropriate scenario from the drop down list .

Identify and implement standard mitigation measures where feasible and reasonable. Include any shielding implemented as part of the standard mitigation measures by changing the selection in the 'Is there line of sight to receiver' drop-down list. Solid barriers can be in the form of road cutting, timber lapped and capped fence, shipping container, site office, etc. Substantial solid barriers are barriers greater than 5 metres in height or multiple rows of houses or a sound barrier specifically designed to mitigate construction noise. Please note that vegetation and trees are not considered to be a form of solid barrier and any gaps would compromise the acoustic integrity of the solid barrier.

5. Determine if there are any receivers (both residential and non-residential receivers) within the affected distance for each relevant time period. Consider background LA90 noise measurements to check assumption in Step #2 if:
- (a) there are many affected receivers and the impact duration at any one receiver is more than 3 weeks; or
- (b) there are a few affected receivers and the impact duration at any one receiver is more than 6 weeks.

Note that consideration need to be given to the construction staging plan when determining impact duration.

7. Identify if there are any receivers within the additional mitigation measures distances and identify feasible and reasonable measures at each receiver.

8. Where night works are involved, identify sleep disturbance affected distance.

9. Document the outcomes of these steps.

(Note that suitable noise management levels for other noise-sensitive businesses not identified in the Construction Noise Estimator should be investigated on a project-by-project basis. Please contact a Roads and Maritime noise specialist for more information)

Abbreviation	Measure
N	Notification
SN	Specific notifications
PC	Phone calls
IB	Individual briefings
RO	Respite offer
R1	Respite period 1
R2	Respite period 2
DR	Duration respite
AA	Alternative accommodation
V	Verification

Note that spot check verification of noise levels and individual briefings are not required for projects with less than 3 weeks impact duration

Residential receiver		LAeq(15minute) noise level above background (LA90)												LAeq(15minute) 75 dB(A) or greater (Highly affected)			Sleep disturbance L _{max} 65 dB(A)
		5 to 10 dB(A)			10 to 20 dB(A)			20 to 30 dB(A)			> 30 dB(A)						
		Noticeable			Clearly audible			Moderately intrusive			Highly intrusive						
		Measures	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measures	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measures	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measures	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measures	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Affected distance (m)
Undeveloped green fields, rural areas with isolated dwellings	Day		45					N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Day (OOHW)		75					N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	10	85	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Evening		120					N, R1, DR	25	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	15	80	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Night	N	175	50	N, R2, DR	120	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	45	65	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Highly Affected		20											N, PC, RO	20	75	
Developed settlements (urban and suburban)	Day		50					N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Day (OOHW)		85					N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	10	85	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Evening		135					N, R1, DR	30	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	15	80	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Night	N	200	50	N, R2, DR	135	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	50	65	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Highly Affected		20											N, PC, RO	20	75	
Propagation across a valley / over water	Day		60					N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Day (OOHW)		95					N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	10	85	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Evening		160					N, R1, DR	35	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	15	80	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Night	N	255	50	N, R2, DR	160	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	60	65	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	20	75	N, PC, RO	20	75	
	Highly Affected		20											N, PC, RO	20	75	

Non-residential receiver		LAeq(15minute) noise level above NML										LAeq(15minute) 75 dB(A) or greater (Highly affected)			
Undeveloped green fields, rural areas with isolated dwellings		Standard hours			<10 dB(A)			10 to 20 dB(A)							
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))		
Classroom at schools and other educational institutions		Day	55	120				N	45	65	N, PC, RO	20	75		
Hospital wards and operating theatres		Day	65	45							N, PC, RO	20	75		
Place of worship		Day	55	120				N	45	65	N, PC, RO	20	75		
Active recreation		Day	65	45							N, PC, RO	20	75		
Passive recreation		Day	60	75				N	25	70	N, PC, RO	20	75		
Industrial premise		Day	75	20							N, PC, RO	20	75		
Offices, retail outlets		Day	70	25							N, PC, RO	20	75		

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Hospital wards and operating theatres		Evening	65	45	N	45	65	N, R1, DR	25	70	N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90
		Night	65	45				N, R2, NR	25	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	11	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90
Place of worship		Evening	55	120	N	120	55	N, R1, DR	75	60	N, R1, DR	25	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	11	80
		Night	55	120				N, R2, NR	75	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	25	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	11	80
Active recreation		Evening	65	45	N	20	75	N, R1, DR	25	70	N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90
		Evening	60	75				N, R1, DR	45	65	N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	6	85
Industrial premise		Evening	75	20				N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR	4	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	1	100
		Night	75	20				N, R2, NR	11	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	1	100
Offices, retail outlets		Evening	70	25				N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR	6	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	2	95
		Night	70	25				N, R2, NR	20	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	6	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	2	95

Non-residential receiver Developed settlements (urban and suburban)		L _{Aeq} (15minute) noise level above NML												L _{Aeq} (15minute) 75 dB(A) or greater (Highly affected)		
		Standard hours			<10 dB(A)			10 to 20 dB(A)								
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))			
Classroom at schools and other educational institutions		Day	55	135				N	50	65	N, PC, RO	20	75			
Hospital wards and operating theatres		Day	65	50							N, PC, RO	20	75			
Place of worship		Day	55	135				N	50	65	N, PC, RO	20	75			
Active recreation		Day	65	50							N, PC, RO	20	75			
Passive recreation		Day	60	85				N	30	70	N, PC, RO	20	75			
Industrial premise		Day	75	20							N, PC, RO	20	75			
Offices, retail outlets		Day	70	30							N, PC, RO	20	75			

		OOHW			LAeq(15minute) noise level above NML											
					< 5 dB(A)			5 to 15 dB(A)			15 to 25 dB(A)			> 25 dB(A)		
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))
Hospital wards and operating theatres	Evening	65	50					N, R1, DR	30	70	N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90
	Night	65	50	N	50	65		N, R2, NR	30	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	11	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90
Place of worship	Evening	55	135					N, R1, DR	85	60	N, R1, DR	30	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	11	80
	Night	55	135	N	135	55		N, R2, NR	85	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	30	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	11	80
Active recreation	Evening	65	50					N, R1, DR	30	70	N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90
Passive recreation	Evening	60	85					N, R1, DR	50	65	N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	6	85
Industrial premise	Evening	75	20					N, R1, DR	11	80	N, R1, DR	4	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	1	100
	Night	75	20	N	20	75		N, R2, NR	11	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	1	100
Offices, retail outlets	Evening	70	30					N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR	6	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	2	95
	Night	70	30	N	30	70		N, R2, NR	20	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	6	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	2	95

Non-residential receiver Propagation across a valley / over water		LAeq(15minute) noise level above NML									LAeq(15minute) 75 dB(A) or greater (Highly affected)		
		Standard hours			<10 dB(A)			10 to 20 dB(A)					
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))
Classroom at schools and other educational institutions		Day	55	160				N	60	65	N, PC, RO	20	75

Hospital wards and operating theatres	Day	65	60				N, PC, RO	20	75
Place of worship	Day	55	160			N	N, PC, RO	20	75
Active recreation	Day	65	60				N, PC, RO	20	75
Passive recreation	Day	60	95			N	N, PC, RO	20	75
Industrial premise	Day	75	20				N, PC, RO	20	75
Offices, retail outlets	Day	70	35				N, PC, RO	20	75

		L _{Aeq} (15minute) noise level above NML														
		OOHW			< 5 dB(A)			5 to 15 dB(A)			15 to 25 dB(A)			> 25 dB(A)		
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))
Hospital wards and operating theatres	Evening	65	60				N, R1, DR	35	70	N, R1, DR	15	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90	
	Night	65	60	N	60	65	N, R2, NR	35	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	15	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90	
Place of worship	Evening	55	160				N, R1, DR	95	60	N, R1, DR	35	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	15	80	
	Night	55	160	N	160	55	N, R2, NR	95	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	35	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	15	80	
Active recreation	Evening	65	60				N, R1, DR	35	70	N, R1, DR	15	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	4	90	
Passive recreation	Evening	60	95				N, R1, DR	60	65	N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	10	85	
Industrial premise	Evening	75	20				N, R1, DR	15	80	N, R1, DR	4	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	1	100	
	Night	75	20	N	20	75	N, R2, NR	15	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	4	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	1	100	
Offices, retail outlets	Evening	70	35				N, R1, DR	20	75	N, R1, DR	10	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	2	95	
	Night	70	35	N	35	70	N, R2, NR	20	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	10	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	2	95	