

### 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 <sub>max</sub> 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		120					N, PC, RO	45	75	N, PC, RO	45	75	N, PC, RO	45	75	250
	Day (OOHW)		175					N, R1, DR	45	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	20	85	N, PC, RO	45	75	
	Evening		250					N, R1, DR	175	60	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	25	80	N, PC, RO	45	75	
	Night	N	365	50	N, R2, DR	250	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	120	65	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	45	75	N, PC, RO	45	75	
	Highly Affected		45											N, PC, RO	45	75	
Developed settlements (urban and suburban)	Day		135					N, PC, RO	50	75	N, PC, RO	50	75	N, PC, RO	50	75	305
	Day (OOHW)		200					N, R1, DR	135	65	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	20	85	N, PC, RO	50	75	
	Evening		305					N, R1, DR	200	60	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	30	80	N, PC, RO	50	75	
	Night		460					N, R2, DR	305	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	50	75	N, PC, RO	50	75	
	Highly Affected	N	460	50										N, PC, RO	50	75	
Propagation across a valley / over water	Day		160					N, PC, RO	60	75	N, PC, RO	60	75	N, PC, RO	60	75	405
	Day (OOHW)		255					N, R1, DR	160	65	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	20	85	N, PC, RO	60	75	
	Evening		405					N, R1, DR	255	60	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	35	80	N, PC, RO	60	75	
	Night	N	630	50	N, R2, DR	405	55	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	160	65	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	60	75	N, PC, RO	60	75	
	Highly Affected		60											N, PC, RO	60	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	250				N	120	65	N, PC, RO	45	75		
Hospital wards and operating theatres		Day	65	120							N, PC, RO	45	75		
Place of worship		Day	55	250				N	120	65	N, PC, RO	45	75		
Active recreation		Day	65	120							N, PC, RO	45	75		
Passive recreation		Day	60	175				N	75	70	N, PC, RO	45	75		
Industrial premise		Day	75	45							N, PC, RO	45	75		
Offices, retail outlets		Day	70	75							N, PC, RO	45	75		

		OOHW			L <sub>aeq</sub> (15minute) noise level above NML											
		Period	NML	Affected distance (m)	< 5 dB(A)			5 to 15 dB(A)			15 to 25 dB(A)			> 25 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))	Measure	Within distance (m)	Mitigation level (dB(A))
Hospital wards and operating theatres		Evening	65	120				N, R1, DR	75	70	N, R1, DR	25	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	8	90
		Night	65	120	N	120	65	N, R2, NR	75	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	25	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	8	90
Place of worship		Evening	55	250				N, R1, DR	175	60	N, R1, DR	75	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	25	80
		Night	55	250	N	250	55	N, R2, NR	175	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	75	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	25	80
Active recreation		Evening	65	120				N, R1, DR	75	70	N, R1, DR	25	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	8	90
Passive recreation		Evening	60	175				N, R1, DR	120	65	N, R1, DR	45	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	14	85
Industrial premise		Evening	75	45				N, R1, DR	25	80	N, R1, DR	8	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	3	100
		Night	75	45	N	45	75	N, R2, NR	25	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	8	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	3	100
Offices, retail outlets		Evening	70	75				N, R1, DR	45	75	N, R1, DR	14	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	5	95
		Night	70	75	N	75	70	N, R2, NR	45	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	14	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	5	95

Non-residential receiver Developed settlements (urban and suburban)		L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15minute) noise level above NML												L <sub>Aeq</sub> (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	305				N	135	65	N, PC, RO	50	75			
Hospital wards and operating theatres		Day	65	135							N, PC, RO	50	75			
Place of worship		Day	55	305				N	135	65	N, PC, RO	50	75			
Active recreation		Day	65	135							N, PC, RO	50	75			
Passive recreation		Day	60	200				N	85	70	N, PC, RO	50	75			
Industrial premise		Day	75	50							N, PC, RO	50	75			
Offices, retail outlets		Day	70	85							N, PC, RO	50	75			

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					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	135					N, R1, DR	85	70	N, R1, DR	28	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	9	90
	Night	65	135		N	135	65	N, R2, NR	85	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	28	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	9	90
Place of worship	Evening	55	305					N, R1, DR	200	60	N, R1, DR	85	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	28	80
	Night	55	305		N	305	55	N, R2, NR	200	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	85	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	28	80
Active recreation	Evening	65	135					N, R1, DR	85	70	N, R1, DR	28	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	9	90
Passive recreation	Evening	60	200					N, R1, DR	135	65	N, R1, DR	50	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	16	85
Industrial premise	Evening	75	50					N, R1, DR	28	80	N, R1, DR	9	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	3	100
	Night	75	50		N	50	75	N, R2, NR	28	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	9	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	3	100
Offices, retail outlets	Evening	70	85					N, R1, DR	50	75	N, R1, DR	16	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	5	95
	Night	70	85		N	85	70	N, R2, NR	50	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	16	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	5	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	405				N	160	65	N, PC, RO	60	75

Hospital wards and operating theatres	Day	65	160				N, PC, RO	60	75
Place of worship	Day	55	405			N	N, PC, RO	60	75
Active recreation	Day	65	160				N, PC, RO	60	75
Passive recreation	Day	60	255			N	N, PC, RO	60	75
Industrial premise	Day	75	60				N, PC, RO	60	75
Offices, retail outlets	Day	70	95				N, PC, RO	60	75

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Hospital wards and operating theatres	Evening	65	160				N, R1, DR	95	70	N, R1, DR	35	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	9	90	
	Night	65	160	N	160	65	N, R2, NR	95	70	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	35	80	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	9	90	
Place of worship	Evening	55	405				N, R1, DR	255	60	N, R1, DR	95	70	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	35	80	
	Night	55	405	N	405	55	N, R2, NR	255	60	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	95	70	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	35	80	
Active recreation	Evening	65	160				N, R1, DR	95	70	N, R1, DR	35	80	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	9	90	
Passive recreation	Evening	60	255				N, R1, DR	160	65	N, R1, DR	60	75	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	20	85	
Industrial premise	Evening	75	60				N, R1, DR	35	80	N, R1, DR	9	90	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	3	100	
	Night	75	60	N	60	75	N, R2, NR	35	80	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	9	90	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	3	100	
Offices, retail outlets	Evening	70	95				N, R1, DR	60	75	N, R1, DR	20	85	N, R1, DR, PC, SN	5	95	
	Night	70	95	N	95	70	N, R2, NR	60	75	N, PC, SN, R2, DR	20	85	AA, N, PC, SN, R2, DR	5	95	