

APPENDIX U

Noise: Ambient Noise Monitoring Output

Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Road Construction



Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission	Usage Factor ¹
				Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	
Threshold*	337	65	Grader	85	0.4
R-1	2,500	41	Compactor (ground)	80	0.2
R-2	3,200	38	Dump Truck	84	0.4
R-3	6,000	31	Scraper	85	0.4
R-4	7,500	28			
R-5	750	55			
R-6 (Hoockton Ramp)	240	68			
R-7 (12th St Ramp)	350	63			
			Ground Type	Soft	
			Source Height	8	
			Receiver Height	5	
			Ground Factor	0.63	
			Predicted Noise Level²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²	
			Grader	81	
			Compactor (ground)	73	
			Dump Truck	80	
			Scraper	81	
			Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)		
			86		

Sources:

¹ Obtained from the FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006.

² Based on the following from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2006.

$$L_{eq}(\text{equip}) = E.L. + 10 \cdot \log(\text{U.F.}) - 20 \cdot \log(D/50) - 10 \cdot G \cdot \log(D/50)$$

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects; and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

*Project specific threshold



Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Turbine Foundations

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	373	65	Dozer	85	0.4
R-1	2,750	41	Excavator	85	0.4
R-2	3,450	38	Drill Rig Truck	84	0.2
R-3	6,250	32	Crane	85	0.16
R-4	7,750	29	Blasting	94	0.05
R-5	800	55			
				Ground Type	Soft
				Source Height	8
				Receiver Height	5
				Ground Factor	0.63
				Predicted Noise Level ²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²
				Dozer	81
				Excavator	81
				Drill Rig Truck	77
				Crane	77
				Blasting	81.0
				Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)	
				87	

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Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Tower Erection

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	318	65	Crane	85	0.16
R-1	2,750	39	Pneumatic Tools	85	0.5
R-2	3,450	37	Crane	85	0.16
R-3	6,250	30	Man Lift	85	0.2
R-4	7,750	27			
R-5	850	53			
				Ground Type	Soft
				Source Height	8
				Receiver Height	5
				Ground Factor	0.63
				Predicted Noise Level²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²
				Crane	77
				Pneumatic Tools	82
				Crane	77
				Man Lift	78
				Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)	
				85	

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$$L_{eq}(\text{equip}) = E.L. + 10 \cdot \log(\text{U.F.}) - 20 \cdot \log(D/50) - 10 \cdot G \cdot \log(D/50)$$

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects; and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

*Project specific threshold



Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Underground Cabling

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L_{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	244	65	Excavator	85	0.4
R-1	2,650	37	Backhoe	80	0.4
R-2	3,350	34			
R-3	6,150	27			
R-4	7,650	25			
R-5	900	49			

Ground Type	Soft
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor	0.63

Predicted Noise Level ²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet ²
Excavator	81
Backhoe	76

Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)
 82

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Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

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D = Distance from source to receiver.

*Project specific threshold



Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Transmission Lines

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	349	65	Crane	85	0.16
R-8	200	70	Grader	85	0.4
R-9	300	66	Auger Drill Rig	85	0.2
R-10	500	60	Backhoe	80	0.4
R-11	850	54	Excavator	85	0.4
				Ground Type	Soft
				Source Height	8
				Receiver Height	5
				Ground Factor	0.63
				Predicted Noise Level²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²
				Crane	77
				Grader	81
				Auger Drill Rig	78
				Backhoe	76
				Excavator	81.0
				Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)	
				86	

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Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F.= Usage Factor;

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D = Distance from source to receiver.

*Project specific threshold



Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR - Turbine Pads

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L_{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	317	65	Auger Drill Rig	85	0.2
R-10	750	54	Front End Loader	80	0.4
			Crane	85	0.16
			Backhoe	80	0.4
			Concrete Mixer Truck	85	0.4
			Ground Type	Soft	
			Source Height	8	
			Receiver Height	5	
			Ground Factor	0.63	
			Predicted Noise Level ²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²	
			Auger Drill Rig	78	
			Front End Loader	76	
			Crane	77	
			Backhoe	76	
			Concrete Mixer Truck	81.0	
			Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)		
			85		

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Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

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Project-Generated Construction Source Noise Prediction Model

Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR- Concrete Batch Plant

Location	Distance to Nearest Receiver in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L _{eq} dBA)	Assumptions:	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L _{max}) at 50 feet ¹	Usage Factor ¹
Threshold*	522	60	Concrete Batch Plant	83	0.5
	100	78	Dozer	85	0.4
	200	70	Concrete Mixer Truck	85	0.4
	350	63			
	500	59			
	800	54			
	1000	51			
	1250	49			
1500	47				
			Ground Type	Soft	
			Source Height	8	
			Receiver Height	5	
			Ground Factor	0.63	
			Predicted Noise Level ²	L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet²	
			Concrete Batch Plant	80	
			Dozer	81	
			Concrete Mixer Truck	81	
			Combined Predicted Noise Level (L_{eq} dBA at 50 feet)		
			85		

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Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F.= Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects; and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

*Project specific threshold

Traffic Noise Prediction Model, (FHWA RD-77-108)
Model Input Sheet



Project Name : Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR

Project Number : 60580932

Modeling Condition : Existing

Ground Type : Soft

Metric (L_{eq}, L_{dn}, CNEL) : CNEL

K Factor :

Traffic Desc. (Peak or ADT) : ADT

Segment	Roadway	Segment		Traffic Vol.	Speed (Mph)	Distance to CL	% Autos	%MT	% HT	Day %	Eve %	Night %	Offset (dB)
		From	To										
1	U.S. Hwy 101	S.R. 254	South Fork Road	7,600	65	100	89	3	8	80	7	13	
2	U.S. Hwy 101	South Fork Road	South Scotia Road	9,900	65	100	92.5	4.4	3.1	80	7	13	
3	U.S. Hwy 101	South Scotia Road	S.R. 36	17,800	65	100	92.5	4.4	3.1	80	7	13	
4	U.S. Hwy 101	S.R. 36	Singely Road	20,500	65	100	92.5	4.4	3.1	80	7	13	
5	U.S. Hwy 101	Singely Road	Loleta Drive	22,800	65	100	92.5	4.4	3.1	80	7	13	
6	U.S. Hwy 101	Loleta Drive	Eureka City Limits	22,900	65	100	92.5	4.4	3.1	80	7	13	

Traffic Noise Prediction Model, (FHWA RD-77-108)
Predicted Noise Levels



Project Name : Humboldt Wind Energy Project ADEIR
Project Number : 60580932
Modeling Condition : Existing
Metric (Leq, Ldn, CNEL) : Leq

Segment	Roadway	Segment		Noise Levels, dB Leq				Distance to Traffic Noise Contours, Feet				
		From	To	Auto	MT	HT	Total	70 dB	65 dB	60 dB	55 dB	50 dB
1	Detour Road	U.S. Hwy 101 Off I	U.S. Hwy 101 On I	43.5	0.0	60.1	60.2	11	24	51	111	239