

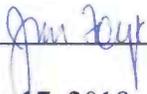


Safety Administrative Procedure

Noise Controls

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Every reasonable effort will be made to reduce the level of noise emitted in all work areas to below 80 dba_{lex}. This will be accomplished, when reasonably possible, by a combination of engineering and administrative controls.

Engineering controls will be the first level of control attempted. This includes reviewing the source(s) of noise present and attempting to reduce the noise level emitted to below 80 dba_{lex}. This may be accomplished by either repairing or redesigning individual components of the source of noise or adding additional sound proofing material around the source to dissipate or prevent the noise from getting to the operator's ears.

Where Engineering controls are not reasonable or effective in reducing the level of noise to below 80 dba_{lex} administrative controls will be considered to reduce the duration of exposure. This may include safe work practices on the use of the noisy equipment or scheduling of work in noisy and quiet work areas in an effort to reduce individual exposure levels.

If both Engineering Controls and Administrative controls are not effective in reducing the level of noise to below 80 dba_{lex} hearing protection will be provided. The use of appropriate hearing protection will be mandatory when noise levels are above 85 dba.