

**FHWA Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC)
Hourly A-Weighted Sound Level - Decibels (dBA)**

Activity Category	Leq	Description of Activity Category
A	57 dBA (Exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 dBA (Exterior)	Picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sports areas, parks, residences, motels, hotels, schools, churches, libraries, and hospitals.
C	72 dBA (Exterior)	Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in categories A or B above.
D	----	Undeveloped lands.
E	52 dBA (Interior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, and auditoriums.

Source: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration,
Highway Noise Control Standards and Procedures FHPM 7-7-3.