


<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> <b>ENV 4</b>		<b>POLICY NAME:</b> <b>POLICY FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND ABATEMENT OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC NOISE FOR TYPE I &amp; II HIGHWAY PROJECTS</b>	
<b>ADOPTION DATE:</b> July 21, 2022		<b>LAST UPDATED:</b> July 21, 2022	
<b>POLICY APPROVED BY:</b> Commissioner, NHDOT		<b>SIGNATURE:</b> 	
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:</b> Bureau of Environment		<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> Administrator	
<b>REQUIREMENTS:</b> N/A		<b>REFERENCES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">23 CFR PART 772</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I &amp; II Highway Projects</a></li> </ul>	

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) understands that highway traffic noise may have an impact on abutting receptors. Consistent with 23 CFR Part 772, NHDOT is committed to meeting its obligation to identify, minimize, and when feasible and reasonable, mitigate the effects of highway traffic noise on abutters.

**SCOPE**

This policy shall apply to all NHDOT undertakings (construction projects and maintenance activities) including Local Public Agency (LPA) undertakings.

**DEFINITIONS**

Definitions related to this policy may be viewed on the SOS [Approved Definitions](#) page.

Other definitions specific to this policy may be found here: [Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I & II Highway Projects](#).

**COMMENTS**

1. It is the policy of NHDOT to implement the procedures outlined in the 2016 [Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I & II Highway Projects](#).

2. Every five years, beginning in the year this policy is adopted, the Bureau of Environment shall provide training to appropriate NHDOT personnel on this policy.
3. Any previous references or guidance related to policies, directives, procedures, manuals, and forms not included in the SOS are superseded by approved SOS documents.
4. Any employee found to have violated the SOS policies and/or procedures will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge from employment pursuant to [PART Per 1002 of the Rules of the Division of Personnel](#).
5. The SOS and all documents pertaining to it will be located in the [Index](#) on the Department's Intranet, accessible to all employees with computer access. For employees without computer access, hard copies of the SOS will be made available upon request and at all Department work facilities.

#### AMENDMENT RECORD

This policy is reviewed every five years to ensure its continuing relevance and accuracy. Record any amendments below.

Date	Comments	Name	Title
7/21/2022	Reviewed and converted to SOS format.	William Cass	Assistant Commissioner
11/30/2016	Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I & II Highway Projects (Projects approved on or after November 30, 2016) Original Policy Adopted	Victoria F. Sheehan	Commissioner
7/6/2011	Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I Highway Projects (Projects approved between July 6, 2011, and November 29, 2016)	George N. Campbell, Jr.	Commissioner
7/26/1996	Policy and Procedural Guidelines for the Assessment and Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise for Type I Highway Projects (Projects approved prior to July 6, 2011)	Leon S. Kenison	Commissioner