

ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS WHICH WILL PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE WITH AN ADEQUATE MARGIN OF SAFETY;

(D) COORDINATION AND STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP OF THE NOISE CONTROL AND ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES OF MANY STATE AGENCIES, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IS ESSENTIAL.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(C) "NOISE" MEANS THE INTENSITY, FREQUENCY, DURATION, AND CHARACTER OF SOUND [[FROM A SOURCE OR A NUMBER OF SOURCES]]. NOISE INCLUDES SOUND AND VIBRATION OF SUB-AUDIBLE FREQUENCIES.

(D) "ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE" MEANS THE NOISE THAT EXISTS AT ANY LOCATION FROM ALL SOURCES.

(E) "ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS" MEANS THE GOALS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE, THE ATTAINMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WHICH, IN DEFINED AREAS AND UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE.

(F) "SOUND LEVEL LIMIT" MEANS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE EMISSION FROM A NOISE SOURCE IN DEFINED AREAS AND UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS.

(G) "SOURCE" MEANS ANY PROPERTY, REAL OR PERSONAL, OR PERSON FROM WHICH SOUND ORIGINATES.

(H) "NOISE COUNCIL" MEANS THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(I) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS ANY COUNTY OR INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY.

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AMBIENT NOISE STANDARDS, THE COORDINATION OF STATE EFFORTS IN THE CONTROL OF NOISE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AMBIENT NOISE STANDARDS, AND THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS CONTROLLING NOISE EMANATING FROM ACTIVITIES ON PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THE CODE.