

The Noise Section of the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch regulates excessive noise sources from stationary equipment (such as air conditioners, exhaust fans and etc..) agricultural, construction, and industrial activities.

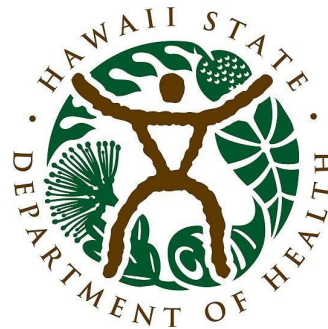
The purpose of the NIC, CNPCA, and the CNV is to allow for specific public interest activities to exceed the noise standards while allowing the department to monitor such activities to assure adequate protection of public health and welfare from adverse noise impacts.

NIC, CNPCA and CNV application forms may be obtained from the Internet at <https://health.hawaii.gov/irhb/noiseforms/>

For more information on noise, contact the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch at (808) 586-4700.



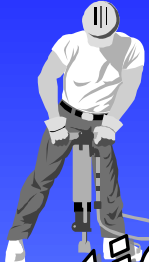
Monitoring construction noise



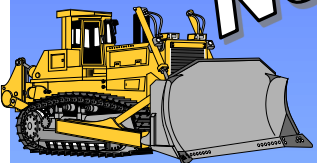
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**Community  
Noise Control  
on**



**Construction  
Noise**



**Information on the noise  
regulations for construction  
& remodeling projects in  
the State of Hawaii**

**Construction noise:  
What do I need and  
do I really need it?**

The Indoor and Radiological Health Branch of the State Department of Health regulates noise from construction activities for the State of Hawaii under Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-46, Community Noise Control.

What do I need? When

doing any type of construction project (renovations, demolition, or construction of houses, buildings, etc.) during the daytime hours, it may be necessary to obtain either a **Notification of Intent to Construct (NIC)** or a **Community Noise Permit for Construction Activities (CNPCA)**. Construction projects occurring on holidays, Sundays or at night may require a **Community Noise Variance (CNV)**.



Do I really need it? State noise laws prohibit the operation of any excessive noise source, except by permit, notification or variance granted by the department. Violations of Chapter 11-46 may bring about monetary penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per separate violation. Therefore, obtaining a notification, permit or variance may prevent you from receiving any unnecessary fines.

The NIC and the CNPCA allows the noise emitted by construction activities to exceed the maximum permissible sound levels during the hours of **7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)** and **9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Saturdays)**.

**Notification of Intent to Construct (NIC)**

The NIC is meant for smaller construction projects that meet four (4) criteria:

- 1) for a dwelling; or
- 2) with a total cost of less than \$250,000.00 (as indicated on your County building permit); or
- 3) no jack hammers, hoe-rams or pile driver use; or
- 4) noise not exceeding seventy-eight decibels (78 dBA).

A \$25.00 non-refundable annual fee shall be assessed for each NIC (checks made payable to the **State Department of Health**)

**Notification of Intent to Construct**

**Community Noise Permit for Construction Activities (CNPCA)**

The CNPCA is a written authorization from the department to operate any excessive noise source. Specific information pertaining to the construction project is required (such as construction equipment to be used, construction schedules, etc.). Processing time of the CNPCA takes a few days (if all the required Information is submitted with the application).

Additional information may be required for projects requiring the use of pile drivers or hoe-rams, please

contact our office at (808) 586-4700 for more information.

A \$25.00 non-refundable annual processing fee is assessed for single family dwellings. A \$50.00 non-refundable annual processing fee is assessed for all other construction projects (checks made payable to the **State Department of Health**).

**Community Noise Permit for Construction Activities**

**Community Noise Variance (CNV)**

The CNV is a written authorization from the department to operate any excessive noise source on days & times not allowed by the NIC or CNPCA.

A CNV may take up to a few months to obtain. This is due in part to public participation requirements (such as public informational meetings or public notices) required for every CNV application. Therefore, plan ahead and apply early.

A \$100.00 non-refundable annual fee shall be assessed for a CNV application. In addition, the applicant is required to pay all costs associated with the public participation requirements. Therefore, make sure this is something you really need before applying.