

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

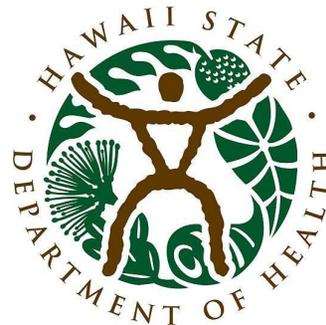
The purpose of the NIC, CNPCA, and the CNV is to allow for specific public interest activities to exceed the noise standards, while allowing the Department to monitor such activities to assure adequate protection of public health and welfare from adverse noise impacts.

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

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



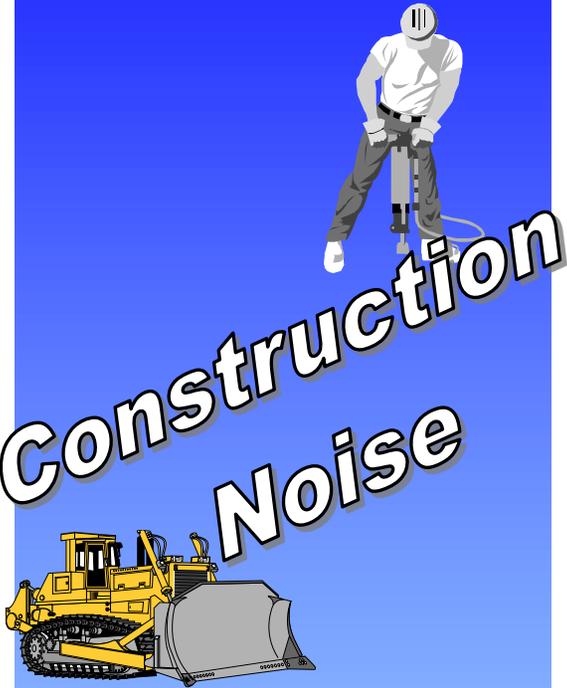
Monitoring construction noise



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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 State Department of Health Indoor and Radiological Health Branch Noise Section 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 (renovation, 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 result in 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) work is for a dwelling; or
- 2) has a total cost of less than \$250,000.00 (as indicated on your County building permit); or
- 3) will not use jack hammers, hoe-rams or pile drivers; or
- 4) noise from the project shall not exceed 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 (a list of all heavy machinery and equipment, as well as power tools to be used, construction schedules showing project timelines, construction activities and estimated durations, etc.). Please submit applications 3-4 weeks prior to the start of construction.

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 covered by the NIC or CNPCA.

Submit applications for CNVs 3-4 months before the start of construction. This is due in part to public participation and/or notification requirements (such as public informational meetings or public notices) required for every CNV application.

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.