



Updated Noise Control Best Practices Guideline in B.C.

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has updated its [Noise Control Best Practices Guideline](#) (Guideline) for managing noise from oil and gas activities.

As specified in the Drilling and Production Regulation and the LNG Facility Regulation, the updated Guideline includes the addition of technical sections for addressing low frequency noise, managing noise complaints, and provides requirements for noise monitoring, comprehensive sound level surveys and measurement equipment calibration and certification.

The updated Guideline also includes two new sections:

- The first section is a requirement for permit holders to develop, implement, and maintain a documented Noise Management Program as part of their overall corporate management system.
- The second section specifically addresses noise at well sites from drilling and completion activities. This section states that prior to preparation and construction of a well site when noise concerns have been expressed - either during the permit application consultation and notification process or during First Nations consultation, or if a dwelling is located within 800 meters of a well site - the permit holder shall prepare and implement a site-specific noise mitigation plan to minimize noise during drilling and completions/servicing activities. The details of a noise mitigation plan are described in the updated Guideline posted on the Commission's website, and include a Noise Impact assessment.

Noise Management Programs and Noise Mitigation Plans can be submitted to:
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