

Appendix B

Noise Impact Assessment

**Wocawson Energy Project
Preliminary Noise Assessment
September 2018**



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Introduction

Natural Forces Wind Inc. has undertaken a noise impact assessment for the proposed Wocawson Energy Project site to assess the impact of the turbine's sound emissions on the surrounding dwellings, seasonal homes and local businesses to the project. A map of the project area with the proposed WTG layout is illustrated in Appendix A.

The noise analysis was conducted using the ISO 9613-2: Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors – Part 2: General method of calculation model within the Decibel module of the software package, WindPRO version 3.1.

Noise guidelines

New Brunswick has set recommended sound criteria for wind turbines in the *Additional Information Requirements for Wind Turbines* document created to outline additional requirements to the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation*. The recommendations are outlined below in Table 1. These sound criteria have been used for this assessment.

Table 1: Recommended Sound Criteria for Wind Turbines (*Additional Information Requirements for Wind Turbines*)

Wind Speed (m/s)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wind Turbine Noise Criteria [dBA]	40	40	40	43	45	49	51	53

Receptors

There are 43 receptors located within 2km of the turbine locations that consist of year-long dwellings, seasonal dwellings and local businesses. They have been identified based on online geographical data from the Data Catalogue available on the Services New Brunswick website and cross referenced with aerial photography of the site and site visits. Their exact locations are found in Appendix B. A map of the project area with the receptors is illustrated in Appendix A.

Turbine

The turbine model used for the assessment is the Enercon E-141 EP4 4,200kW machine. The turbine will have a maximum hub height of 135m and a rotor diameter of 141m. The turbine coordinates are located in Appendix B. There are no existing or proposed wind farms within 5 kilometers of the project; therefore, it is unlikely any cumulative noise effects will occur and it was not considered in this assessment.

Impact Assessment Methodology

The sound pressure level was calculated at each point of reception using the Decibel module of WindPRO v.3.1 which uses the ISO 9613-2 model "Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors, Part 2: A general method of calculation". The calculations were performed using the Enercon E-141 EP4 4,200kW wind turbine generators with a hub height of 135 m.

The model uses a conservative approach to calculating noise levels by assuming downwind propagation is occurring simultaneously in all directions of the wind turbine. However, in actuality, noise propagation in an upwind direction would result in a significant reduction of noise levels at any receptor located upwind from the turbine.

As another conservative measure, no attenuation has been considered from topographical shielding for objects (such as barns, trees, other buildings, etc.) located between the turbines and receptors. A global ground attenuation of 0 was used to represent an area that is covered in grass to produce the worst-case scenario for noise impacts.

No correction for special audible characteristics such as clearly audible tones, impulses or modulation of sound levels has been made. These are not common characteristics of modern wind turbine generators (WTG) in a well-designed wind farm. It is habitual that WTG manufacturers guarantee the absence of tonal noise produced by the WTG. Furthermore, impulses and modulation of sound levels from the wind farm under normal conditions would not be of a level to necessitate the application of any penalty.

Results of Noise Predictions

The results of the noise prediction model for the 20 receptors that are predicted to receive the highest sound levels are summarized in Table 2, while all receptor sound levels are provided in Appendix B. The table below proves that the wind farm is compliance with the *Additional Information Requirements for Wind Turbines* document created to outline additional requirements to the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation* specifically for wind turbines as the highest sound level predicted under a worst-case scenario at a receptor within 2km of the project is 37.7 dB(A).

Table 2: Wind turbine noise impact assessment summary of the 20 receptors predicted to receive the highest impact for any wind speed modelled between and including 4 to 12 m/s.

Point of Reception ID	Max Sound Level from WTG [dB(A)]	Compliance with New Brunswick's Requirements
AL	37.7	Yes
AK	34.4	Yes
H	33.9	Yes
B	33.8	Yes
G	33.8	Yes
E	33.4	Yes
F	33.4	Yes
D	33.3	Yes
AB	33.3	Yes
AD	33.3	Yes
I	33.2	Yes
N	33.2	Yes
A	33.1	Yes
C	33.1	Yes
W	33.1	Yes

Point of Reception ID	Max Sound Level from WTG [dB(A)]	Compliance with New Brunswick's Requirements
AM	33.1	Yes
AP	33.1	Yes
T	33	Yes
S	32.9	Yes
AN	32.9	Yes

Conclusions and Recommendations

Natural Forces Wind Inc. has completed a noise assessment to evaluate the noise impact of the turbine proposed as part of the Wocawson Energy Project on the identified noise receptors located within 2 km of the proposed WTG.

Based on the parameters used to run the WindPRO noise prediction model, it has been shown that the predicted Sound Pressure Levels emitted by the proposed WTG are less than 40 dB(A), thus demonstrating exceeding compliance with the *Additional Information Requirements for Wind Turbines* document created to support the New Brunswick *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation*.

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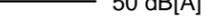
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APPENDIX A

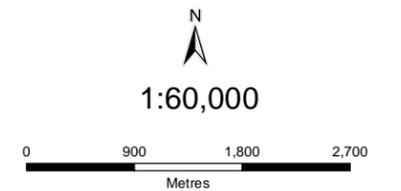
Site Layout Map

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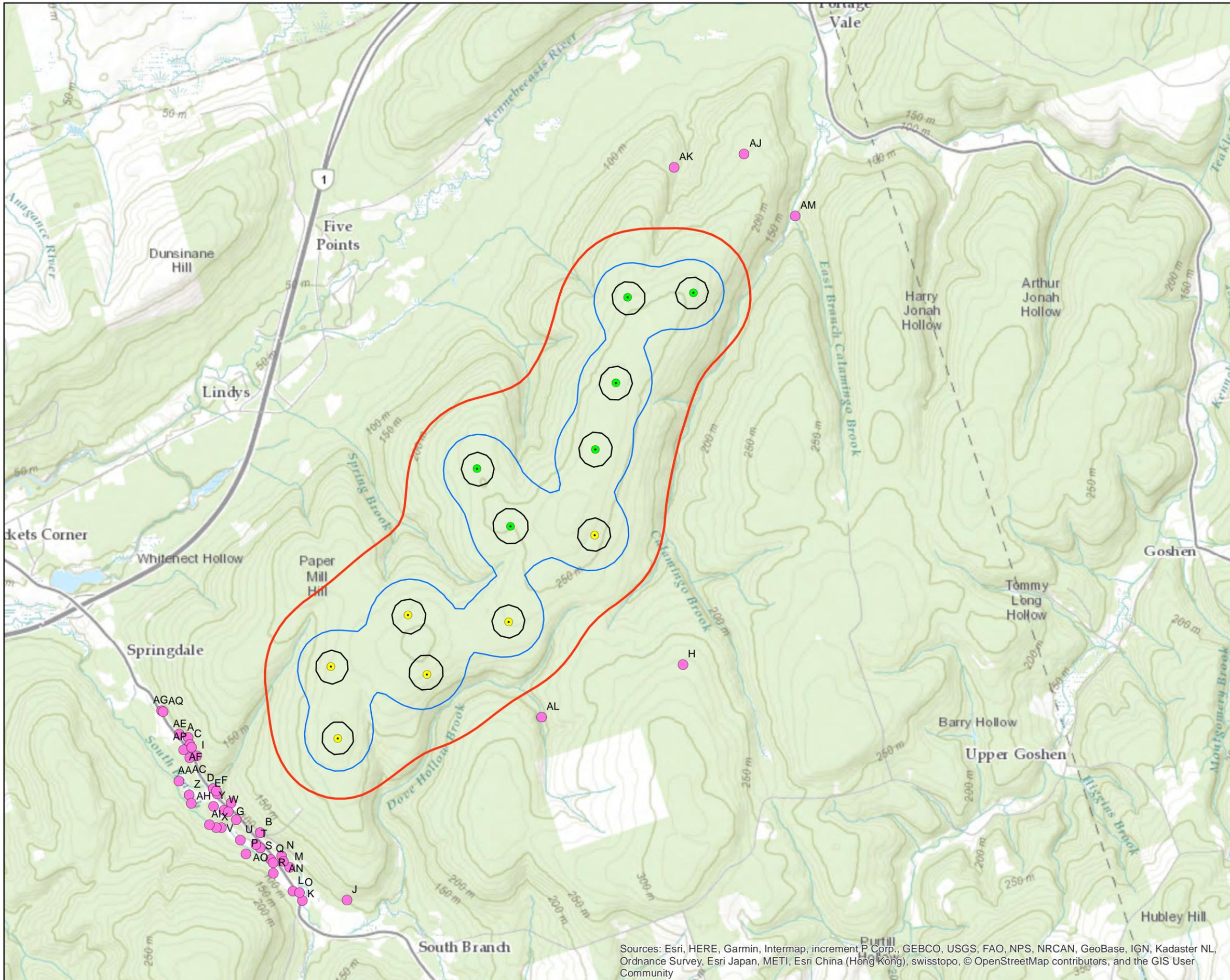
-  Proposed Turbines
-  Proposed Alternate/Expansion Turbines
-  Receptors
-  40 dB[A]
-  45 dB[A]
-  50 dB[A]

Notes



WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere

Production Date: Sep 6, 2018



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

APPENDIX B

WindPRO v3.1, Decible Module Calculation Results

DECIBEL - Main Result

Calculation: Wocawson Sept 06

Noise calculation model:

ISO 9613-2 General

Wind speed:

4.0 m/s - 12.0 m/s, step 1.0 m/s

Ground attenuation:

None

Meteorological coefficient, CO:

0.0 dB

Type of demand in calculation:

1: WTG noise is compared to demand (DK, DE, SE, NL etc.)

Noise values in calculation:

All noise values are mean values (Lwa) (Normal)

Pure tones:

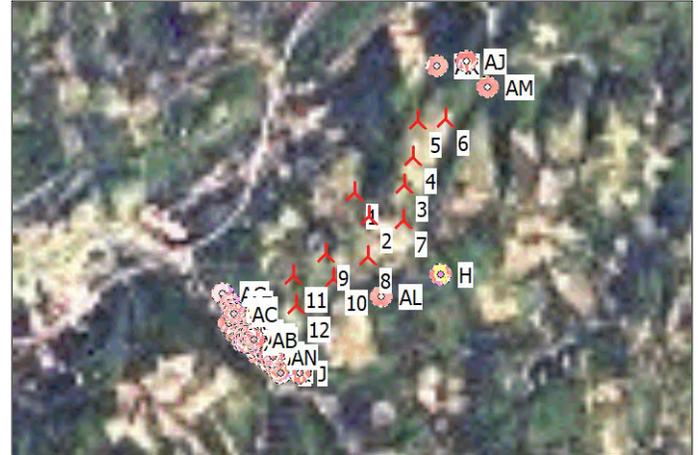
Fixed penalty added to source noise of WTGs with pure tones: 0.0 dB(A)

Height above ground level, when no value in NSA object:

4.5 m Allow override of model height with height from NSA object

Deviation from "official" noise demands. Negative is more restrictive, positive is less restrictive.:

0.0 dB(A)



Scale 1:200,000
 🚩 New WTG 🏠 Noise sensitive area

WTGs

	Easting	Northing	Z	Row data/Description	WTG type		Power, rated	Rotor diameter	Hub height	Noise data		First wind speed [m/s]	LwaRef [dB(A)]	Last wind speed [m/s]	LwaRef [dB(A)]	Pure tones	
					Valid	Manufact.				Type-generator	Creator						Name
1	323,390	5,073,700	248.0	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
2	323,747	5,073,046	248.0	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
3	324,721	5,073,876	263.2	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
4	324,974	5,074,613	264.0	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
5	325,132	5,075,563	240.6	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
6	325,871	5,075,590	240.3	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
7	324,689	5,072,925	257.3	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
8	323,695	5,071,983	244.9	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
9	322,570	5,072,091	246.9	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
10	322,762	5,071,426	241.6	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
11	321,686	5,071,543	224.5	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h
12	321,742	5,070,736	232.0	ENERCON E-141 EP4 4200 ...	Yes	ENERCON	E-141 EP4-4,200	4,200	141.0	135.0	USER	Level 0 - official - 0 s - 42000kW - 04/2016	4.0	103.7	12.0	105.5	No h

h) Generic octave distribution used

Calculation Results

Sound level

No.	Name	Easting	Northing	Z	Immission height [m]	Demands		Sound level Max From WTGs [dB(A)]
						Min Noise [dB(A)]	Max	
A	Receptor	320,064	5,070,797	104.2	4.5	40.0	33.1	
B	Receptor	320,844	5,069,716	101.0	4.5	40.0	33.8	
C	Receptor	320,081	5,070,721	99.3	4.5	40.0	33.1	
D	Receptor	320,329	5,070,222	85.9	4.5	40.0	33.3	
E	Receptor	320,371	5,070,159	91.5	4.5	40.0	33.4	
F	Receptor	320,362	5,070,192	89.6	4.5	40.0	33.4	
G	Receptor	320,526	5,070,054	104.6	4.5	40.0	33.8	
H	Receptor	325,639	5,071,452	271.5	4.5	40.0	33.9	
I	Receptor	320,153	5,070,590	100.9	4.5	40.0	33.2	
J	Receptor	321,793	5,068,934	114.6	4.5	40.0	31.6	
K	Receptor	321,293	5,068,944	89.4	4.5	40.0	31.1	
L	Receptor	321,188	5,069,050	90.3	4.5	40.0	31.4	
M	Receptor	321,160	5,069,316	88.0	4.5	40.0	32.7	
N	Receptor	321,073	5,069,448	88.9	4.5	40.0	33.2	
O	Receptor	321,263	5,069,031	87.9	4.5	40.0	31.5	
P	Receptor	320,676	5,069,482	94.0	4.5	40.0	32.1	
Q	Receptor	320,953	5,069,412	85.9	4.5	40.0	32.7	
R	Receptor	320,976	5,069,254	93.5	4.5	40.0	32.0	
S	Receptor	320,838	5,069,545	86.3	4.5	40.0	32.9	
T	Receptor	320,790	5,069,584	85.2	4.5	40.0	33.0	
U	Receptor	320,618	5,069,635	84.3	4.5	40.0	32.5	
V	Receptor	320,406	5,069,782	81.0	4.5	40.0	32.3	

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DECIBEL - Main Result

Calculation: Wocawson Sept 06

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No.	Name	Easting	Northing	Z [m]	Immission height [m]	Demands		Sound level
						Min Noise [dB(A)]	Max From WTGs [dB(A)]	
	W Receptor	320,440	5,069,973	97.2	4.5	40.0	33.1	
	X Receptor	320,351	5,069,786	83.3	4.5	40.0	32.1	
	Y Receptor	320,327	5,070,020	90.3	4.5	40.0	32.7	
	Z Receptor	320,055	5,070,156	73.5	4.5	40.0	31.8	
	AA Receptor	319,948	5,070,314	71.8	4.5	40.0	31.7	
	AB Receptor	320,578	5,069,863	95.8	4.5	40.0	33.3	
	AC Receptor	320,075	5,070,570	81.2	4.5	40.0	32.8	
	AD Receptor	320,490	5,069,955	97.9	4.5	40.0	33.3	
	AE Receptor	319,966	5,070,836	90.9	4.5	40.0	32.6	
	AF Receptor	320,010	5,070,661	81.3	4.5	40.0	32.6	
	AG Receptor	319,775	5,071,106	86.6	4.5	40.0	31.8	
	AH Receptor	320,078	5,070,063	76.7	4.5	40.0	31.7	
	AI Receptor	320,274	5,069,819	86.0	4.5	40.0	31.8	
	AJ Receptor	326,482	5,077,125	177.2	4.5	40.0	32.2	
	AK Receptor	325,694	5,076,997	126.6	4.5	40.0	34.4	
	AL Receptor	324,033	5,070,911	198.6	4.5	40.0	37.7	
	AM Receptor	327,038	5,076,416	99.0	4.5	40.0	33.1	
	AN Receptor	321,094	5,069,385	87.3	4.5	40.0	32.9	
	AO Receptor	320,978	5,069,373	85.7	4.5	40.0	32.5	
	AP Receptor	320,100	5,070,686	100.6	4.5	40.0	33.1	
	AQ Receptor	319,792	5,071,092	88.9	4.5	40.0	31.9	

Distances (m)

NSA	WTG											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	4415	4316	5583	6219	6957	7530	5091	3820	2820	2770	1785	1679
B	4728	4418	5686	6406	7251	7731	5008	3642	2936	2570	2012	1359
C	4452	4341	5611	6252	6997	7565	5108	3828	2841	2772	1803	1661
D	4633	4434	5713	6392	7183	7716	5130	3799	2918	2715	1894	1504
E	4653	4442	5722	6405	7202	7730	5128	3792	2927	2706	1909	1487
F	4634	4428	5707	6389	7183	7713	5118	3784	2912	2699	1892	1483
G	4636	4397	5675	6369	7181	7695	5057	3710	2886	2623	1888	1394
H	3180	2474	2592	3230	4142	4144	1753	2015	3135	2877	3954	3962
I	4489	4353	5627	6279	7037	7596	5102	3806	2845	2740	1805	1596
J	5026	4553	5744	6509	7422	7806	4931	3594	3251	2674	2611	1803
K	5198	4780	6006	6759	7652	8070	5233	3874	3396	2884	2629	1847
L	5145	4745	5981	6729	7614	8044	5222	3858	3340	2850	2542	1775
M	4918	4540	5786	6527	7403	7846	5048	3680	3113	2649	2288	1535
N	4842	4483	5737	6473	7340	7794	5016	3647	3038	2601	2183	1451
O	5130	4722	5952	6703	7592	8016	5187	3825	3327	2825	2547	1771
P	5016	4705	5972	6693	7539	8018	5288	3920	3224	2851	2295	1646
Q	4932	4584	5842	6574	7436	7896	5128	3759	3129	2707	2254	1541
R	5059	4697	5949	6686	7555	8007	5221	3852	3254	2812	2397	1668
S	4876	4552	5817	6541	7393	7866	5124	3756	3079	2691	2171	1495
T	4868	4553	5820	6542	7389	7867	5135	3768	3075	2698	2154	1494
U	4920	4629	5901	6615	7451	7941	5234	3871	3137	2794	2187	1573
V	4925	4671	5948	6649	7467	7975	5312	3958	3165	2873	2177	1642
W	4753	4515	5793	6487	7298	7813	5174	3826	3004	2739	2004	1509
X	4955	4708	5985	6684	7499	8010	5355	4001	3200	2916	2207	1684
Y	4788	4567	5846	6534	7336	7859	5241	3898	3053	2812	2041	1586
Z	4866	4689	5967	6638	7417	7960	5398	4073	3173	2990	2141	1784
AA	4828	4680	5956	6614	7377	7932	5412	4102	3167	3026	2129	1843
AB	4757	4492	5768	6472	7296	7798	5126	3770	2989	2686	2012	1455
AC	4559	4429	5702	6352	7107	7668	5180	3886	2922	2820	1882	1675
AD	4736	4491	5768	6466	7280	7792	5143	3793	2981	2707	1988	1476
AE	4464	4380	5644	6273	7002	7581	5164	3901	2891	2858	1860	1779
AF	4545	4434	5703	6345	7090	7658	5198	3915	2932	2856	1894	1734
AG	4449	4421	5669	6271	6969	7568	5240	4017	2963	3004	1960	2001
AH	4919	4729	6008	6684	7469	8007	5427	4095	3213	3010	2185	1795
AI	4977	4741	6019	6714	7523	8039	5398	4048	3230	2962	2228	1731
AJ	4614	4911	3696	2930	2065	1652	4567	5849	6375	6806	7359	7955
AK	4022	4404	3269	2490	1540	1418	4194	5398	5816	6295	6768	7404
AL	2862	2154	3044	3820	4780	5027	2118	1124	1880	1371	2431	2298
AM	4548	4710	3438	2741	2088	1430	4208	5552	6218	6571	7238	7766

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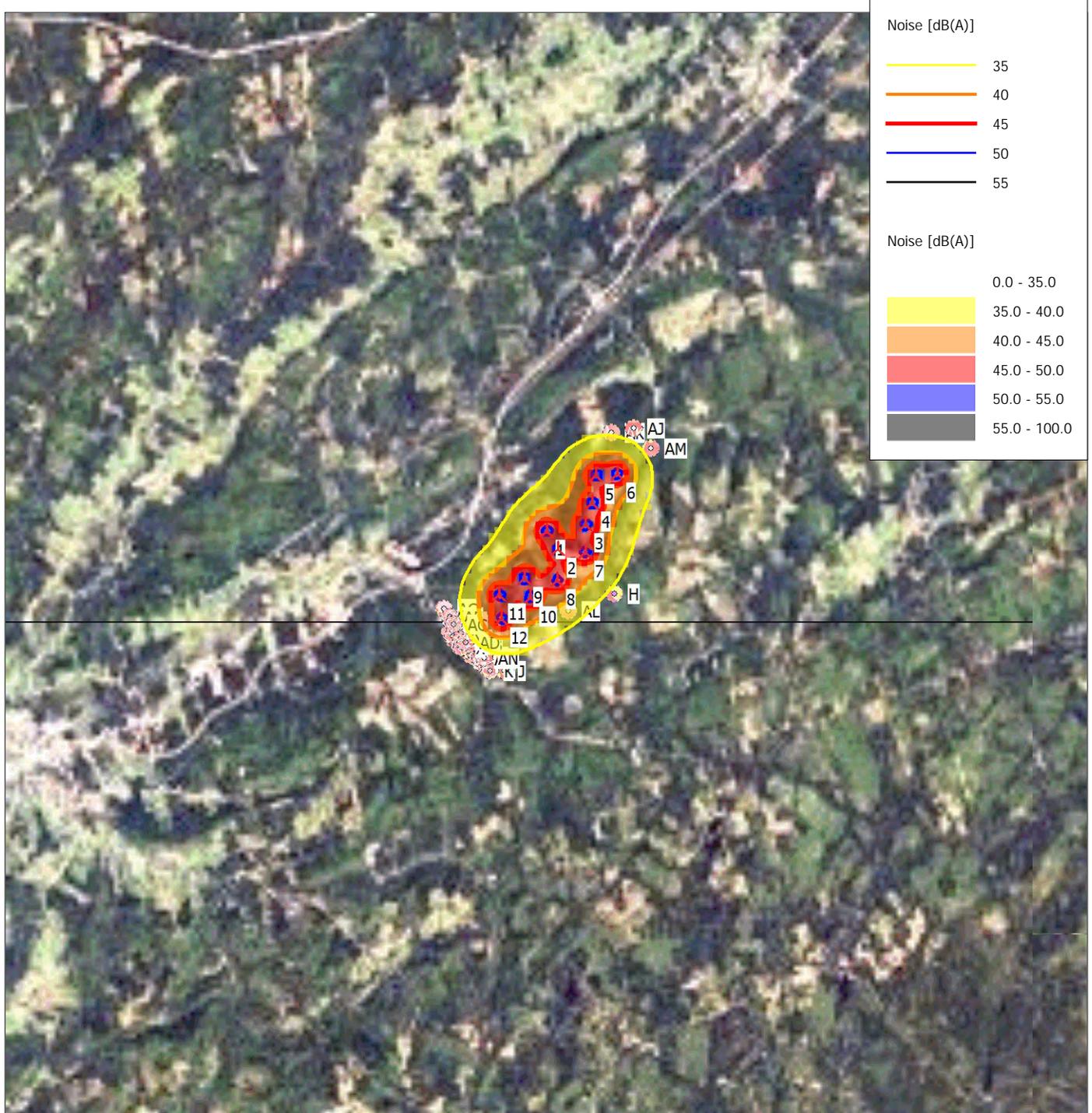
Calculation: Wocawson Sept 06

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WTG

NSA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AN	4888	4522	5773	6510	7381	7831	5045	3676	3082	2636	2238	1498
AO	4954	4600	5855	6590	7455	7912	5137	3768	3150	2720	2283	1563
AP	4462	4344	5615	6259	7008	7573	5106	3822	2842	2763	1803	1643
AQ	4444	4412	5661	6265	6965	7562	5229	4003	2952	2989	1947	1982

DECIBEL - Map 10.0 m/s
Calculation: Wocawson Sept 06



Map: Google Earth overlay Map 001 , Print scale 1:200,000, Map center UTM (north)-NAD83 (US+CA) Zone: 20 East: 323,778 North: 5,073,163

New WTG Noise sensitive area

Noise calculation model: ISO 9613-2 General. Wind speed: 10.0 m/s
Height above sea level from active line object