

# **Environmental Safety Program**

Noise Control

Guideline

### **Environmental Noise Control Guidelines**

#### Scope

The scope of the procedure pertains to the reduction and control of noise (sound and vibration) to the campus community (employees, students, and visitors) and the surrounding environment. The guidelines are established in accordance with COMAR 26.02.03.02 (Control of Noise Pollution).

#### Responsibilities

- A. Environmental Health & Safety (EHS)
  - 1. EHS will conduct sound level monitoring to maintain compliance.
  - 2. EHS may delegate monitoring to other departments.
- B. Other Departments/Community
  - 1. Other departments may conduct sound level monitoring with direction from EHS.
  - 2. Departments and individuals who work on and/or visit campus should follow these guidelines.

## General Guidelines

- A. Noise Exposure
  - 1. It is known that noise above certain levels is harmful to the health of humans.
  - 2. Although precise levels at which all adverse health effects occur have not definitely been ascertained, it is known that one's well-being can be affected by noise through

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- b) A person may not cause or permit noise levels emanating from construction or demolition site activities which exceed:
- c) A person may not cause or permit the emission of prominent discrete tones and periodic noises which exceed a level which is 5 dBA lower than the applicable