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Dear noise practitioners and stakeholders:

This letter is to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is updating the noise prediction methods used for assessing road and rail traffic to protect Ontarians from excessive noise levels and ensure that our noise pollution control methods are effective and based in current science.

The new guideline will ensure that proponents use up to date noise prediction methods when determining sound levels caused by road and rail traffic. This will result in more accurate noise predictions compared to the 1995 methods that are currently in place. Also, proponents who have been asking for permission from the ministry to use newer noise prediction methods will no longer have to seek this approval.

Without changing established noise limits, the new guideline will allow proponents to make realistic predictions of noise impact with updated technology in a way that is consistent with current methodologies. The updates will allow us to protect our environment better from the adverse effects of noise.

For further details on NPC-306, please access the link to the policy proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3239>

If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Ianni, Program Support Coordinator at Client Services and Permissions Branch, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division by email mary.ianni@ontario.ca or by phone 437-788-6772.

Sincerely,



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