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Community noise

Contact your state environmental agency: EPA does not have any regulatory authority governing noise in local communities. You should consult with your local governmental (e.g., city and county) authorities to see if there are local or state laws that might apply to your situation. In addition, many states run noise pollution programs.

The following non-EPA resource, The Noise Pollution Clearinghouse, EXIT provides many noise-related resources, including:

- EPA documents that are not on EPA's site
- A list of citizen organizations that combat noise
- Resources for noises from various sources (i.e. air bags, barking dogs, boom cars, construction, jet skis, leaf blowers, personal computers, racetracks, swimming pool filter motors, and vehicles)
- The Noise Pollution Clearinghouse Law Library includes proposed noise legislation and existing noise laws from federal, state, and municipal sources

See EPA's Noise Pollution page for more information about EPA's past role and the associated Clean Air Act sections.

Other sources of noise

- **Aviation noise**: Information about aircraft or plane noise EXIT can be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration Web site. In addition, the Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation Noise (FICAN) was formed in 1993 to provide forums for debate over future research needs to better understand, predict and control the effects of aviation noise, and to encourage new technical development efforts in these areas.
- **Railroad/locomotive horn noise**: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Web site includes information on the Railroad Noise Emission Compliance Regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 210). The FRA Web site also includes information about the 2005 Use of Locomotive Horns Final Rule.
- **Interstate motor carrier noise**: The Federal Highway Administration's Office of Motor Carrier and Highway Safety Web site includes information on the Interstate Motor Carrier Noise Emission Standards for Exhaust

Systems from the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 325).

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