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SUMMARY

This report presents the results of an investigation to:

- 1) identify additional pieces of equipment (generic types) not included in the EPA's construction site health and welfare noise impact model;
- 2) estimate the population density variations resulting from population transfer between the five construction site model geographical regions during the normal daytime work period;
- 3) evaluate construction activity duration time periods (and the influence of geographical location within the U.S. and of population density on the average construction activity duration); and
- 4) collect and evaluate available data concerning "typical", or average, noise-reduction values for various building-structure types.

Twelve pieces of construction equipment were identified as possible additions to the impact model. However, based on a selection criteria which related the equipments' typical use, source of power, and operational noise level to potential overall community noise exposure, only two pieces of construction equipment were selected for additional analyses and data collection. These pieces of equipment are: 1) manually-guided compactors; and 2) forklift trucks. From a construction site field survey, usage data for both pieces of equipment were obtained. These data included: 1) identification of the phases of construction during which the equipment was used; 2) typical number of hours of equipment operation per day; 3) estimated number of days during each phase that the equipment was actually operated; and 4) estimated percentage of each site type employing each equipment type. Based on these four data elements, equipment usage factors were determined. A detailed description of the data requirements and computational procedures used to determine the equipment usage factors is presented in Appendix A. In addition to usage factors, the total number of forklift trucks and manually-guided compactors used in construction was estimated to be 53,752

and 11,877, respectively. The average A-weighted noise level at 50 feet for both equipment types was determined from publications collected for a previous EPA literature search study. Although the relative change in total noise impact resulting from the addition of both equipment types to the impact model was not determined, the change in the site noise level at a reference distance of 50 feet for each site type was computed. The noise for the residential sites increased by 1.1 dBA while the other three sites increased by approximately 0.1 dBA.

The percent change in baseline population density values resulting from normal daytime work period population transfer was determined for each of the SMSA region categories considered in the EPA's construction site noise impact model. A detailed description of the computational procedures used to determine these percent changes is presented in Appendix B. Although the analysis was based on population data for SMSAs of 250,000 people or more, it is believed that the results are representative of the average population density variations for each of the five SMSA region categories. In general, the percent change in population density values derived from this study do not agree with the current baseline values. However, with the exception of the urban fringe region category, the two sets of population density values agree with respect to the relative direction of population transfer between SMSA region categories. With respect to the urban fringe region category, it was found that for the normal daytime work period, the net population decreased around high-density urban centers but increased around low-density urban centers. However, on the average, (data for both urban center types combined) the net population transfer for this region was almost negligible.

The current baseline population density values were revised to reflect the population transfers between SMSA region categories

(derived from this study) and to reflect the population transfers within each SMSA region category where each type of construction activity is typically performed. The assumptions and a discussion of the procedure used to determine the revised population density values are presented in Appendix C.

The duration of construction activity for residential, office/public service, and industrial/commercial site types were investigated. The influence of geographical location of the site type within the U.S. and of surrounding population density on the average construction activity duration time period were also evaluated. It was found that for residential site types, the weighted-average construction activity duration time period (i.e., length of time from start to completion of the building project) does not vary significantly with respect to geographical location within the U.S. For office/public service and industrial/commercial site types, no data were available to determine the relationship between activity duration and geographical location. Based on local construction activity data and census tract population density values, the relationship between average population density and duration of construction activity, for all site types considered, has a low degree of correlation. Appendix D presents a complete listing of the data used to evaluate these relationships.

Compared with the data currently used in the construction site noise impact model, the study results show that the average (on a national basis) number of 8-hour days of construction activity for the residential and industrial/commercial site types may be underestimated by approximately 38 percent and 27 percent, respectively. For the office/public service site types, the construction activity duration may be overestimated by approximately 6 percent. Some uncertainty in these comparisons exists due to the assumption made

regarding the percentage of construction activity "down-time" used in determining the average number of 8-hour days of construction activity. Down-time is defined as the percentage of the construction project start-to-completion time period during which no construction activity occurs.

Based on an evaluation of currently available data concerning "typical" or average building noise-reduction values, it appears that all construction site noise impact calculations should be performed relative to an L_{dn} outdoor threshold of 65 dB. The suggested use of a 65 dB outdoor threshold for all impact calculations is based on the finding that a representative average building noise-reduction value of 20 dB is applicable to single-family dwellings as well as other larger and heavier building-structure types.

1. INTRODUCTION

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1.1 BACKGROUND

The Noise Control Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-574, 86 Stat. 1234) established, by statutory mandate, a national policy "to promote an environment for all Americans free from noise that jeopardizes their health and welfare." As specified in the Noise Control Act of 1972, the first step towards promulgation of noise standards for new products is identification of those products that are major sources of noise.

Section 6(a)(1)(c) has identified construction equipment as one of four product categories to be considered for noise regulation. In determining whether a particular type of construction equipment is a major noise source and, therefore, subject to regulatory action, a health and welfare impact assessment is an essential and necessary consideration. To provide a quantitative assessment of the noise impact, a construction site model was developed to compute the number of people (on a national average) exposed to higher levels than the defined thresholds identified as requisite to protect the public health and welfare with an adequate margin of safety. The initial data base used in the development of this model was presented in a report prepared for the EPA in December 1971.¹ However, this report was incomplete in that some of the basic data sources were not identified and some of the computational procedures were unclear. Subsequent studies provided updates and revisions to some of the critical data elements but there is still a need to fill existing data gaps, to provide additions to the existing data base, and to revise obsolete or poorly documented assumptions. The objectives of this study are to provide data which can be used for these purposes.

1.2 STUDY OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of this study are to: 1) identify additional pieces of equipment (generic types) not included in the EPA's construction site health and welfare noise impact model; 2) estimate the population density variations resulting from population transfer between the five construction site model geographical regions during the normal daytime work period; 3) evaluate construction activity duration time periods (and the influence of geographical location with U.S. and of population density on the average construction activity duration); and 4) collect and evaluate available data concerning "typical", or average, noise-reduction values for various building-structure types. Relative to each of these study objectives, this report will attempt to fill existing data gaps, to provide additions to the existing data bases, and to revise obsolete or poorly documented assumptions currently used in the EPA's construction site noise impact model.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PIECES
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2.1 EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

2.1.1 Equipment Selection Procedure and Criteria

Based on a review of construction equipment buyers' guides, equipment manufacturers' literature, published reports dealing with construction equipment, and observations from previous construction site field surveys, several pieces of construction equipment, not included in the EPA's noise impact model, were identified. These additional equipment types included the following:

- Compactors, manually guided
- Forklift Trucks
- Mobile Concrete Mixing and Batching Plants
- Earth Augers
- Concrete Finishing Machines
- Mobile Crushing and Screening Plants
- Blowers and Fans
- Benders, Cutters and Threaders
- Drop Hammers
- Surface Grinders
- Muckers
- Pile Puller (Extractors)

The implicit objective of this study was to identify additional pieces of construction equipment which were typically used in the four types of construction considered in EPA's impact model, and therefore, would potentially contribute to the overall community noise exposure. Many of the above machine types were eliminated from consideration since they did not meet this typical use criterion. In addition, some of the machines were deleted on the basis that, although they

may be typically used, they are only employed for very short periods of time during a single construction phase.* Also, some machines were omitted because: 1) they produce relatively low operational noise levels or, 2) their source of power was previously identified by EPA as a major source of construction site noise. Based on the above selection criteria, two pieces of construction equipment were identified for additional analyses and data collection. These pieces are: 1) compactors, manually guided, and 2) forklift trucks.

2.1.2 Equipment Description

Compactors, manually guided - There are two general types of manually guided compactors - rammer and vibratory plate. Both are generally powered by a relatively small gasoline engine ranging from approximately 2 to 16 horsepower. However, both are available with alternative power sources including electric and hydraulic motors and diesel engines. Although both types of compactors are used for the same purpose, i.e., surface compaction, the type of compactor required depends on the type of material to be compacted. For example, granular soils require a vibratory plate compactor while clay soils require the use of a rammer type compactor. Either a vibratory plate or rammer can be used on sandy or silt loam. A general description of the types and uses of gasoline engine powered, manually guided compactors is presented in Table 2-1.

Forklift Trucks - Construction site forklift trucks are specialized materials-handling machines. They are highly maneuverable, self-propelled units available in several mast configurations: 1) straight, 2) rear-mounted reach, 3) combination reach-and-mast, and 4) convertible lift/crane version. They are extremely versatile

* The EPA construction site model assumes that construction activities are performed during five discrete periods or phases. The time duration of each phase depends on the type of construction performed.

Table 2-1. GENERAL TYPES AND USES OF MANUALLY-
GUIDED GASOLINE ENGINE POWERED COMPACTORS

Type of Compactor	Engine HP Range	Typical Compactor Uses	
		Compaction Materials	Specific Work Tasks
Rammer	2.2-6.5 (2-cycle engines)	Cohesive soil, clay or loam	1. Large pipeline trench and underground electric, gas, water and telephone utility line backfill compaction.
Vibratory Plate	3.0-16.0 (4-cycle engines)	Granular soil, sand, crushed stone or gravel and other non-cohesive materials	2. Compaction around retaining walls, embankments, subgrades, abutments, foundations and asphalt patch work.*

*Vibratory plate compactors only.

machines used for lifting, moving, and spotting materials throughout a cluttered construction site, and are capable of placing materials and supplies as high as three stories. They are typically used on single and multiple unit residential housing sites as well as large construction projects such as hospitals, shopping malls and office buildings to handle lumber, support beams and trusses, gypsum board and masonry materials such as brick, concrete blocks (cinder blocks), and mortar. Construction forklift trucks are generally powered by a single gasoline or diesel engine with a horsepower rating typically less than 100 hp. The maximum lifting capacity and lifting height ranges from 2,000 to 10,000 lbs. and from 8 to 30 feet, respectively. Engine horsepower, lifting capacity, and lifting height are generally higher for the convertible lift/crane forklift types.

2.2 EQUIPMENT USAGE DATA REQUIREMENTS

EPA's construction site model includes four construction site types: 1) residential, 2) office/public service, 3) industrial/commercial, and 4) public works. It is assumed that all construction activities occur during five discrete time periods or phases. These phases and the associated time periods for each site type are identified in Table 2-2. A critical data element in determining

Table 2-2. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION BY SITE TYPE AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE

Construction Site Type	CONSTRUCTION PHASE				
	Clearing	Excavation	Foundation	Erection	Finishing
Residential	56	56	92	184	92
Office/Public Service	80	320	320	480	160
Industrial/Commercial	80	320	320	480	160
Public Works	12	12	24	24	12

noise impact from each site type is related to the individual construction phase durations. This data element is the equipment usage factor which is defined as the ratio of the total time a single piece of equipment operates in a given phase to the total phase duration. The usage factor is then used to compute the daily equivalent noise level, $L_{eq}(8)$, for each machine type. This level is determined using the following relationships:

$$[L_{eq}(8)]_{ki} = L_k - 10 \log_{10}(T_i) + 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{\sum_1 (t_{UF})_{kli}}{1} \right] \quad (1)$$

where L_k = work-cycle equivalent noise level at 50 feet for equipment type k, db
 T_i = total construction time for site type i, hours,
 t_1 = construction time for phase 1, hours,
 UF_{kli} = usage factor for equipment type k, phase 1, and site type i.

The term ($t_1 UF_{kli}$) in Equation (1) is simply the number of hours of usage on site type i for machine type k during construction phase 1.

Knowing the number of hours of equipment use by phase for each construction site type and the total number of construction sites for each type, other relevant data can be derived. For example, with these data, the average annual hours of use for a specific equipment type can be determined if the total number of machines used in construction is known. Conversely, the number of machines used in construction can be determined if the machine's average annual hours of use are known. The importance and use of these relationships will be discussed in more detail in Section 2.4.

2.3 DATA OBTAINED FROM CONSTRUCTION SITE FIELD SURVEY

A construction site field survey was conducted to obtain relevant usage data for the two pieces of construction equipment discussed in Section 2.1, manually guided compactors and forklift trucks. Data were obtained at 43 construction sites; 20 residential, 18 office/public service, four industrial/commercial and one public works. These data were supplemented by information obtained during a similar field survey conducted prior to this study. Detailed usage data were collected for 23 of the construction sites surveyed. These data included: 1) the identification of the phases of construction during which each equipment type was used, 2) the typical number of hours of operation per day, and 3) the estimated number of days during each phase that the equipment was actually operated. In addition, estimated equipment work-cycle data were obtained for

both pieces of equipment at several of the sites visited. It was found that estimates of work-cycle characteristics for the forklift trucks were reasonably consistent for the sites visited. However, the work-cycle characteristics for the compactors tended to vary, depending on specific work requirements. A summary of the average usage data, based on information collected during the field survey, is presented in Table 2-3. It should be noted that the estimated number of days during each construction phase that the equipment was actually operated has been presented in terms of percent of the total phase duration. It should also be noted that for several of the sites surveyed, two or more forklift trucks or manually guided compactors were present and operating at the same time. For those cases, the typical number of hours of operation for a single machine was multiplied by the number of machines operating at the construction site and this number was then used in the computation of the average hours of operation for each equipment type, by site type and phase, as presented in Table 2-3*.

2.4 ESTIMATED USAGE DATA FOR NEW PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

2.4.1 Data Limitations

Based on the data obtained from a construction site field survey, usage data were developed for forklifts trucks and manually guided compactors. Due to both time and budget constraints, the field survey was limited in terms of the number sites and site types examined and in terms of the geographical locations visited. As a result, equipment usage data developed from the field survey may not be applicable, on a national basis, to similar construction site

*This procedure employs the equivalent energy principle for determining noise exposure, i.e., the noise exposure resulting from the operation of two machines for a time period t is equivalent, on an energy basis, to the exposure produced by one machine operating for a time period of $2t$. This procedure assumes that the noise intensities of the two machines are equal.

Table 2-3. SUMMARY OF AVERAGE USAGE DATA FOR MANUALLY GUIDED COMPACTORS AND FORKLIFT TRUCKS
(Data Based on Construction Site Field Survey)

Site Type	Equipment Type	Number of Sites Used To Compute Averages	Average Hours of Operation and Percent of Use During Each Phase										Typical Work Cycle			
			Clearing		Excavation		Foundation		Erection		Finishing		Avg. Time, Min.	% of Work-Cycle Time at Various Power Settings		
			Hrs/Day	%	Hrs/Day	%	Hrs/Day	%	Hrs/Day	%	Hrs/Day	%		Idle	Avg.	Max.
Residential	Forklift Trucks	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.83	24.7	2.9	73.4	1.3	25.0	3.0	43.6	44.9	11.5
	Compactors	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	16.3	2.5	10.0	1.0	2.5	*	-	-	100**
Office/ Public Service	Forklift Trucks	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.2	2.8	91.1	0.0	0.0	4.0	57.5	32.5	10.0
	Compactors	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	7.5	1.7	7.5	0.7	1.7	*	-	-	100**
Industrial/ Commercial	Forklift Trucks	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	6.1	2.3	100	0.8	6.3	4.0	45.0	45.0	10.0
	Compactors	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	9.3	0.7	3.3	0.7	3.3	*	-	-	100**
Public Works	Forklift Trucks	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Compactors	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	50.0	*	-	-	100**

* Varies depending on specific work requirements.

** Operates at single power/throttle setting.

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types located in other areas of the United States. Therefore, in order to obtain a high degree of confidence in the assessment of noise impact resulting from the operation of construction forklift trucks and manually-guided compactors, it is recommended that a more representative sample of data be gathered, on a national basis, for each construction site type considered in EPA's noise impact model. Until such data are available, the limitations associated with the data presented in this section should be kept in mind.

2.4.2 Equipment Usage Data

With respect to the construction site model's input data requirements, equipment usage factors are one of the most critical input data elements. Other relevant equipment usage data include the average annual hours of machine use and the number of machines used in construction. Equipment usage factors for forklift trucks and manually guided compactors were developed from the data presented in Table 2-3 and from an estimated percentage of each site type employing each of the equipment types. These percentages were determined from the construction site field survey and are presented in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4. ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF EACH SITE TYPE EMPLOYING EACH NEW EQUIPMENT TYPE

Equipment Type	Site Type			
	Residential	Office/Public Service	Industrial/Commercial	Public Works
Forklift Trucks	30	50	50	50*
Compactors (Manually Guided)	35	75	75	50*

*Assumed values based on work requirements associated with public works construction (see page 16 of Ref. 2).

Because both pieces of equipment were used at all of the industrial/commercial sites visited during the field survey, the equipment use percentages for this site type were assumed to be equal to those of the office/public service site types to obtain more realistic usage estimates. Also, since only one public works site type was observed during the field survey, representative use percentages for this site type could not be determined. However, it should be noted that due to the work requirements associated with public works construction (roads and utilities), it is reasonable to expect that both pieces of equipment are utilized to some degree at these site types (see Table A-1 in Ref. 1 and Table 5 in Ref. 2). Therefore, the following assumptions were made in order to determine the usage factors for both equipment types employed at public works sites:

- Both equipment types are used on one-half of all public works sites
- Forklift trucks are used 25 percent of the time during the erection and finishing phases
- Manually guided compactors are used 50 percent of the time during the erection and finishing phases.

As discussed in Section 2.2, the equipment usage factor is defined as the ratio of the equipment's total operating time during a given phase to the total phase duration. Based on the information presented in Table 2-3, total operating times for both equipment types were determined as a function of site type and construction phase. It was assumed that for public works sites, the hours of operation per day for forklifts and compactors are two and one hours, respectively. From the equipments' total operating times and from the site use percentages presented in Table 2-4, equipment usage factors were computed. A listing of these values is presented by site type and construction phase in Tables 2-5 through 2-8. A detailed description of the procedure used to determine the equipment usage factors is presented in Appendix A. It should be noted that, due to the limited number of construction sites visited during the field survey, it is assumed that equipment usage factors are functions of site type only and do not vary with respect to population density region.

Table 2-5. EQUIPMENT USAGE FACTORS FOR RESIDENTIAL
CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPES

Equipment Type	Construction Phase				
	Clearing	Excavation	Foundation	Erection	Finishing
Forklift Trucks	0.0000	0.0000	0.0170	0.0798	0.0126
Manually Guided Compactors	0.0000	0.0000	0.0214	0.0109	0.0011

Table 2-6. EQUIPMENT USAGE FACTORS FOR OFFICE/PUBLIC
SERVICE CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPES

Equipment Type	Construction Phase				
	Clearing	Excavation	Foundation	Erection	Finishing
Forklift Trucks	0.0000	0.0000	0.0008	0.1594	0.0000
Manually Guided Compactors	0.0000	0.0000	0.0225	0.0120	0.0011

Table 2-7. EQUIPMENT USAGE FACTORS FOR INDUSTRIAL/
COMMERCIAL SITE TYPES

Equipment Type	Construction Phase				
	Clearing	Excavation	Foundation	Erection	Finishing
Forklift Trucks	0.0000	0.0000	0.0051	0.1438	0.0032
Manually Guided Compactors	0.0000	0.0000	0.0179	0.0022	0.0022

Table 2-8. EQUIPMENT USAGE FACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPES

Equipment Type	Construction Phase				
	Clearing	Excavation	Foundation	Erection	Finishing
Forklift Trucks	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0313	0.0313
Manually Guided Compactors	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0313	0.0313

In addition to equipment usage factors, two other relevant usage data elements should be discussed: 1) average annual hours of machine usage, and 2) number of machines used in construction. As mentioned in Section 2.2, if a machine's usage factors for each site type and phase and its average annual hours of use are known, the number of machines used in construction can be determined. Conversely, the machine's average annual hours of use can be determined by knowing its usage factors and the number used in construction. This relationship is defined mathematically by the following equation:

$$\sum_i \{N(i) \cdot [\sum_l H(k,l,i)]\} = N'(k) \cdot H'(k) \quad (2)$$

where k, l and i = machine type, construction phase and site type, respectively

$H(k,l,i)$ = hours of use for machine type k , per phase l and site type i

$N(i)$ = total number of sites of type i

$N'(k)$ = total number of machines of type k used in construction

$H'(k)$ = average annual hours of usage for machine type k .

Using the above relationship, the estimated total number of fork-lift trucks and manually-guided compactors used in construction was determined. The average annual hours of machine use for each machine were estimated from data presented in References 3, 4 and 5 and from information provided by local construction equipment sales, rental and repair companies. A summary listing of the estimated usage data for both pieces of equipment is presented in Table 2-9.

2.5 EQUIPMENT NOISE LEVEL DATA

Due to high speed wind conditions, equipment noise level measurements could not be performed during the field survey portion

Table 2-9. ESTIMATED USAGE DATA FOR FORKLIFTS AND COMPACTORS

Equipment Type	Usage Data Per Machine Type			Total Hours of Annual Use, (N(i)·H(i)) Millions	Total Number of Machines Used in Construction
	Average Economic Lifetime, Hours	Typical Operational Lifetime, Years	Equipment Usage, Hours per Year		
Forklift Trucks	7330 ^{1/}	10 ^{3/}	733	39.4	53,752
Manually Guided Compactors	3200 ^{2/}	5 ^{4/}	640	7.60	11,877

^{1/}Reference 3, page 25 - construction type forklifts, pneumatic tired, gasoline engine.

^{2/}Reference 3, page 6 - rammer and vibratory plate type, gasoline engine.

^{3/}References 4 and 5 - based on typical operational lifetime of similar construction equipment types such as backhoes, mobile cranes, and wheel and crawler tractors.

^{4/}Based on estimates provided by local construction equipment sales and repair companies.

of this study. However, using the publications collected for a previous EPA literature search study (Ref. 6) to obtain noise level data for several types of construction equipment, A-weighted noise measurements at 50 feet were obtained for the new equipment types. It is believed that the noise level data obtained from the literature are representative of the noise emitted from both pieces of equipment during normal operation. Using this data, average noise level values were determined. However, since the distribution of noise levels relative to the total population for each machine type is not known and since energy averaging tends to apply a greater relative weighting to the higher levels, arithmetic-averaging is believed to be more representative of each machine type. A listing of the average noise levels along with the range of levels and the number of measurements used to determine these averages are presented in Table 2-10.

Table 2-10. AVERAGE NOISE LEVELS FOR FORKLIFT TRUCKS AND MANUALLY GUIDED COMPACTORS

Equipment Type	A-Weighted Noise Level at 50 Feet, dBA		Number of Measurements Used
	Average	Range	
Forklift Trucks	83.4	79 - 86	7
Manually Guided Compactors	84.6	71 - 101	8

In general, a single piece of construction equipment does not operate during all phases of construction. For multiple phase operation, total operational time during each phase will vary as a function of site type. Each machine's contribution to the overall site noise level is determined by the following factors: 1) machine's

average noise level, 2) duration of construction activity, and 3) number of hours of machine use during each construction phase. For each site type, the number of hours of machine use during each construction phase can be determined from the equipment's usage factor and the phase duration. Using equation (1) in Section 2.2 and the usage and noise level data presented in the preceding sections, the daily equivalent noise levels (the site noise level contributions), from the forklifts and compactors were determined for each of the four site types considered in the EPA's construction site noise impact model. Although the relative change in noise impact resulting from the addition of these equipment types to the impact model was not determined, the change in the site noise level at a reference distance of 50 feet for each site type was computed. This data and the daily equivalent noise levels for both pieces of equipment are presented by site type in Table 2-11. It should be noted that for each of the four site types, the site noise levels at 50 feet vary with respect to population density region category.* However, these variations are relatively small ranging from 0.2 dBA to 1.6 dBA. As a result of the site noise level variations, the change in site noise level resulting from the operation of forklift trucks and manually guided compactors was computed as the difference between the average site noise level (averaged over the five region categories) and the daily equivalent noise level contribution from the two pieces of equipment.

*These variations are due to usage factor differences for some equipment types.

Table 2-11. DAILY EQUIVALENT NOISE LEVELS ($L_{eq}(8)$), AND SITE NOISE LEVEL CHANGES

Equipment Type	A-Weighted Noise Levels at 50 Feet, dBA, By Construction Site Type							
	Residential		Office/Public Service		Industrial/Commercial		Public Works	
	Daily Equivalent Level	Change in Site Noise Level	Daily Equivalent Level	Change in Site Noise Level	Daily Equivalent Level	Change in Site Noise Level	Daily Equivalent Level	Change in Site Noise Level
Forklift Trucks Only	69.0	+0.8	70.9	+0.1	70.6	+0.1	64.7	0.0
Manually Guided Compactors Only	63.9	+0.3	64.5	0.0	61.8	0.0	65.9	+0.1
Forklift Trucks and Manually Guided Compactors	70.2	+1.1	71.8	+0.1	71.1	+0.1	68.4	+0.1

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3.1 DESCRIPTION OF DATA REQUIREMENTS

The relationship between construction site activity and the population of the surrounding community is critical with respect to making a reasonable assessment of the total construction noise exposure and impact. To account for variations in population distributions, the EPA's construction site noise impact model distributes the total U. S. population into five SMSA* region categories - 1) high-density urban centers, 2) low-density urban centers, 3) urban fringe, 4) SMSA areas outside urban fringe and 5) outside SMSA.

The baseline population density values for each of the five region categories are shown below:

<u>BASELINE POPULATION DENSITY VALUES**</u>	
<u>Region Category</u>	<u>Density (People/Sq. Mile)</u>
1. High-Density Urban Center	20,877
2. Low-Density Urban Center	8,473
3. Urban Fringe	2,286
4. Outside Urban Fringe	1,623
5. Outside SMSA	20

Because these baseline values were derived from 1970 census data regarding the residential distribution of the U. S. population, they do not reflect population density variations resulting from the

*A Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) is a county or group of contiguous counties which contain at least one city of 50,000 inhabitants or more, or "twin cities" with a combined population of at least 50,000.

**In this section, units for population density are people per square mile.

net transfer of people between the five region categories during the normal daytime work period.* However, according to Bureau of the Census publications regarding 1970 census data, (References 7 and 8), there appears to be a significant interchange of the working population between the geographic components of large metropolitan areas. Table 3-1 presents a summary of the total interchange of all workers by place of work and by place of residence within all SMSAs with total populations of 250,000 or more. From Table 3-1 it can be seen that approximately 30 percent of the workers who lived in SMSAs of 250,000 or more, but outside central cities, worked in these central cities. At the same time, however, about 18 percent of the workers living in the central cities commuted to jobs in the surrounding suburbs or areas outside the SMSA. It should be noted that over 50 percent of the 1970 SMSAs had populations of 250,000 or more and represented almost 90 percent of the total SMSA population.

TABLE 3-1. Workers Living in SMSA's of 250,000 or More by Place of Work: 1970 Census Data

Place of work	All workers living in specified SMSA's		Living in central cities		Living outside central cities	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	47,221,624	100.0	21,183,157	100.0	26,038,467	100.0
Working in SMSA of residence:						
Central cities	23,282,129	49.3	15,580,507	73.6	7,701,622	29.6
Outside central cities	18,163,121	38.4	3,102,806	14.6	15,050,315	57.8
Working outside SMSA of residence	2,424,157	5.1	660,496	3.1	1,763,661	6.8
Not reported	3,362,217	7.1	1,830,348	8.7	1,522,869	5.8

*The daytime work period is assumed to be typically between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. corresponding to the time period when most construction activities occur.

To account for population transfer during the normal daytime work period, an earlier EPA study (Ref. 1) recommended an increase in the three highest population density region categories and a decrease in the other two. However, the adjustments were based on geographical regions located entirely within the SMSA boundary. Subsequently, the region categories were redefined (Ref. 2) to include the area outside the SMSAs, where a significant proportion of construction activity occurs, and to account for highly populated urbanized areas with large average population densities. Although it was assumed that there was sufficient similarity between some of the earlier (Ref. 1) and redefined (Ref. 2) region categories to allow the use of the earlier normal daytime work period population transfer adjustments, no data or justification were presented to support this assumption.

The following sections present a discussion of the results of an investigation to determine the average population density changes for the five region categories considered in EPA's construction noise impact model and describe the criteria and procedures used in obtaining these results.

3.2 STUDY METHODOLOGY AND CRITERIA

3.2.1 Comparison Between Urbanized Areas and SMSAs

The current baseline population-density regions are defined in terms of the distribution of U. S. population living in urbanized areas. However, available data pertaining to net population interchanges during the normal daytime work period are presented with respect to SMSA geographic components, i.e., central cities, areas outside the central cities but inside the SMSA, and areas outside the SMSA. Nevertheless, it is believed that with respect to population distribution, the SMSA components and the population density regions as defined in the noise

impact model are very similar. This contention can be supported by comparing the population distributions inside and outside urbanized areas and SMSAs (see Table E in Reference 9) and recognizing that, in general, urbanized areas represent the densely settled core of the SMSAs. It should be noted that because the boundaries of SMSAs are determined by political lines, and those of urbanized areas by the pattern of urban land use, there are small segments of the latter which lie outside the SMSAs. However, the population within these segments was estimated to be about 1 percent of the total population living inside urbanized areas.

Also, it is reasonable to assume that higher concentrations of people within the urbanized areas and the SMSAs are found inside, rather than outside, the central cities. In fact, based on 1970 census data, 54 percent of the population inside urbanized areas lived in the central cities which comprised only 40 percent of the total urbanized land area.

3.2.2 Criteria for Categorizing Population Density Regions

In order to estimate the population interchange during the normal daytime work period, two assumptions were made to develop criteria which could be used to place each SMSA geographical component, including areas outside the SMSA, into one of the five population density regions. First, it was assumed that the high - and low-density urban centers were generally located within large SMSA central cities. Based on the same criteria used to define large SMSA central cities in an earlier EPA study (see Table IX, Reference 1), it was found that, with only a few exceptions, these cities had populations of approximately 400,000 or more. Using this criterion, SMSA central cities were grouped into one of two population density categories - 1) those greater than 8,500, and 2) those less than or equal to 8,500 but greater than 3,000. High- and low-density urban centers were assumed to be located in areas

within central city categories 1 and 2, respectively. Second, it was assumed that the urban fringe and areas outside the urban fringe could also be categorized according to total population and average population density and that each of these regions had a total population of less than or equal to 400,000. The population density limits for the urban fringe and outside urban fringe were, respectively - 1) less than or equal to 3,000 but greater than 2,000, and 2) less than or equal to 2,000. Since areas outside the SMSA are determined by political boundaries, no specific population or population density criteria were required. A summary of the categorization criteria is presented in the following table:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CRITERIA</u>
High-Density Central Cities (High-Density Urban Centers)	Population >400,000 and density $\rho > 8,500$
Low-Density Central Cities (Low-Density Urban Centers)	Population >400,000 and density $3,000 < \rho \leq 8,500$
Urban Fringe	Population $\leq 400,000$ and density $2,000 < \rho \leq 3,000$
Outside Urban Fringe	Population $\leq 400,000$ and density $\rho \leq 2,000$
Outside SMSA	Determined from political boundaries

It should be noted that since no definitive population or land use characteristics criteria were available, some judgement was exercised in determining the criteria used to define population density regions and to categorize SMSA geographical components. However, the rationale used in developing this criteria is consistent with respect to the methodologies used in deriving similar data for other EPA studies and with respect to the baseline population density values currently used in the EPA construction site noise impact model.

3.3 COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURE

The computational procedure employed to determine net population transfer of workers into and out of the SMSA geographical components during the normal daytime work period is lengthy and quite detailed. Therefore, only a general description of this procedure will be presented in this section. A more detailed description is presented in Appendix B. The following is a summary of the computational procedure:

- Central cities, as defined by the 1970 U. S. population census, contain population concentrations equivalent to the concept of urban centers.
- Populations and land areas of the geographical components within each of the SMSAs considered in this study were obtained from the County and City Data Book (Ref. 10).
- All population and land area within an SMSA but outside the central cities were divided into urban fringe and SMSA areas outside the urban fringe on a county basis.
- The distinction between the geographical components and their classification with respect to region category is made on the basis of absolute population and average population density in accordance with the criteria presented in Section 3.2.2.
- The transfer of workers into and out of the five SMSA region categories (on a central city and county basis) were determined from the U. S. census Journey to Work publication (Ref. 7).

- Data adjustments were made to account for:
 1. Workers leaving their SMSA of residence, but the geographical component in which they lived was not identified,
 2. Workers living within the SMSA but not reporting their living or working locations.
- Population density changes were determined from the residential population, the normal daytime work period population, and the total land area for each region category. Data is presented in terms of percent change in population density and is computed using the following equation:

$$PC = \frac{\overline{\Delta p}_{DW}}{\overline{p}_R} \cdot 100$$

where

PC = percent change in population density during normal daytime work period,

$\overline{\Delta p}_{DW}$ = average population density change resulting from population interchanges during normal daytime work period,

\overline{p}_R = average residential population density

The average population densities were computed using the relationship:

$$\overline{p}_i = \frac{\sum_i \text{Population}}{\sum_i \text{Land Area}}$$

where

i represents a specific region category.

3.4 POPULATION DENSITY VARIATIONS DURING NORMAL DAYTIME WORK PERIOD

3.4.1 Population Density Changes by SMSA Region Category

Based on the criteria discussed in Section 3.2.2, six high-density and nine low-density central city SMSAs were selected for this analysis. Although the selection was influenced somewhat by the number of geographic components (central city plus surrounding counties), it is believed that with respect to location within the United States, and range of total SMSA residential population, the areas selected are representative of the larger SMSAs and reflect typical population interchange between the five SMSA regions. However, since the results developed from this analysis were derived from population data for SMSAs of 250,000 or more, it can only be assumed that they are applicable to the smaller SMSAs. The following is a listing of the sample SMSAs:

<u>HIGH-DENSITY</u>	<u>LOW-DENSITY</u>
Detroit	Houston
Baltimore	Milwaukee
San Francisco-Oakland*	San Antonio
Cleveland	Memphis
St. Louis	San Diego
Buffalo	Seattle-Everett**
	Atlanta
	San Jose
	Cincinnati

* San Francisco considered as the urban center

** Seattle considered as the urban center

A summary of the sample population and land area data used to estimate percent change in population density for each of the four region categories inside the SMSA is presented in Table 3-2. It should be noted that the total normal working day population for the sample data is approximately 144,000 greater than the total residential population. This increase in population is a result of the net transfer of workers from outside to inside the sample SMSAs.

TABLE 3-2. Total Sample Population and Land Area Data Used to Determine Percent Change in Population Density by SMSA Region Category

SMSA Region Category	Residential Population	Normal Working Day Population	Land Area, Square Miles	Percent Change In Pop. Density ^{1/}
High-Density Urban Center	4,971,407	5,636,882	440	13.4
Low-Density Urban Center	6,026,598	6,534,212	1892	8.4
Urban Fringe	3,128,597	3,116,368	697	-0.4
SMSA Area Out-Side Urban Frg.	12,627,619	11,610,413	35,223	-8.1

^{1/} Percent change in population density during normal daytime work period.

Note: Population and land area for each region category represent totals determined by summing over all sample SMSAs.

The estimated percent change in population density for the region outside the SMSAs was computed from the following: 1) the estimated normal daytime work period population density (as presented in Table 3-2) and total land area of the four region categories inside the SMSAs and 2) the total population and land area of the U. S.* Based on these data, the estimated percent change was determined to be approximately -5.7 relative to the residential population density. A discussion of the computational procedure used to obtain this estimate is presented in Appendix B.

3.4.2 Population Density Changes by Construction Site Type and by SMSA Region Category

The construction site noise impact model implicitly assumes that the population transfers and corresponding population density variations which occur during the normal daytime work period take place only in areas where there are office/public service and industrial/commercial construction activities and makes no population density adjustments with respect to areas with residential and public works sites. Also, based on an earlier EPA study (Ref. 2), it was assumed that as a result of worker transfer during the daytime period, there is a net population increase in the high- and low-density urban centers and in the urban fringe region and a net population decrease in the area outside the urban fringe and in the area outside the SMSA. Table 3-3 presents the population density values by site type and by SMSA region category currently used in the construction site noise impact model.

Based on data presented in the preceding sections, it is believed that the values shown in Table 3-3 should be revised to reflect the population density changes with respect to those areas, within each SMSA region category, where each type of construction activity is typically performed. To develop these revised values, several assumptions were made regarding the following: 1) the composition of each SMSA region category with respect to basic land use classifications,

*Based on U. S. population density and land area data presented in Table 8, Reference 2.

Table 3-3. POPULATION DENSITY VALUES BY SITE TYPE AND BY SMSA REGION CATEGORY, PEOPLE/SQ.MI.

Construction Site Type	SMSA Region Category				
	High-Density Urban Centers	Low-Density Urban Centers	Urban Fringe	SMSA Areas Outside The Urban Fringe	Outside SMSA
Residential	20,877	8,473	2,286	1,623	20
Office/Public Service	22,929	9,337	2,508	1,489	18
Industrial/Commercial	22,929	9,337	2,508	1,489	18
Public Works	20,877	8,473	2,286	1,623	20

2) the distribution of total population and construction site types within the SMSA region categories and 3) the net transfer of population between land use categories. Based on these assumptions, which are listed in Appendix C, and data presented in Tables 3-1 and 3-2 and in Reference 9, revised population density values by site type and by SMSA region category were determined. These data are presented in Table 3-4. A discussion of the procedure used to determine the revised population density values is presented in Appendix C.

3.5 SUMMARY OF STUDY RESULTS

Based on the results of this investigation, the following general conclusions can be made:

1. With the exception of the outside urban fringe region category, the percent changes in the current baseline population density values used to account for normal daytime work period population transfer between the SMSA region categories do not agree with the results of this study.
2. The differences between the current baseline values and the values derived from this study for the percent change in population density for each SMSA region category are shown below:

SMSA REGION CATEGORY	PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION DENSITY DURING NORMAL DAYTIME WORK PERIOD		
	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>STUDY RESULT</u>	<u>ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE</u>
High-Density Urban Center	+ 9.8	+13.4	3.6
Low-Density Urban Center	+10.2	+ 8.4	1.8
Urban Fringe	+ 9.7	- 0.4	10.1
Outside Urban Fringe	- 8.3	- 8.1	0.2
Outside SMSA	-10.0	- 5.7	4.3

Table 3-4. REVISED POPULATION DENSITY VALUES BY SITE TYPE AND BY SMSA REGION CATEGORY, PEOPLE/SQ.MI.

Construction Site Type	SMSA Region Category				
	High-Density Urban Centers	Low-Density Urban Centers	Urban Fringe	SMSA Areas Outside the Urban Fringe	Outside SMSA
Residential	12,944	5,253	1,394	990	19
Office/Public Service	23,675	9,185	2,277	1,492	19
Industrial/Commercial	23,675	9,185	2,277	1,492	19
Public Works	20,105	7,871	1,982	1,324	19

3. With the exception of the urban fringe region category, the current and study result values agree with respect to the relative direction of population transfer between SMSA region categories.
4. With respect to the urban fringe region category, it was found that for the high-density urban centers, the percent change in population density was -1.7; however, for the low-density urban centers, the percent change was +4.7 and, on the average (data for both urban center types combined), the percent change was almost negligible at -0.4.
5. With respect to the outside urban fringe region category, it was found that the percent change in population density for either the high-density or the low-density urban center SMSAs varied less than 15 percent of the average percent change based on the combined data for both urban center types.

3.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the conclusions made from the results of this study, the following is recommended:

1. Due to budget constraints, only a limited number of SMSA areas were examined; therefore, additional high- and low-density central city areas should be analyzed to support or to revise the conclusions made in this study.
2. The revised population density values by construction site type and by SMSA region category as determined from this study should be used to revise current baseline values. Also, consideration should be given to dividing the urban fringe region category into two separate regions, one for the high-density urban centers and the other for the low-density urban centers, since it appears from the study results that this region category has different population transfer characteristics depending on urban center type.

4. DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION
SITE ACTIVITY

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The total duration of construction activity assumed for each construction site type is a critical data element associated with the construction site noise impact model. The noise level weighting function used to represent the magnitude of noise impact is determined from the following equation:

$$W(L_{dn}^a) = \begin{cases} 0.05(L_{dn}^a - L_c) & \text{for } L_{dn}^a \geq L_c \\ 0 & \text{for } L_{dn}^a < L_c \end{cases} \quad (4-1)$$

where L_{dn}^a is the annual day-night sound level, and L_c is the impact threshold criterion level. L_{dn}^a is a function of the assumed total duration (number 8-hour days) of construction site activity assigned to each of the four construction site types (see Section 3.4.2 in Reference 16).

Currently, the noise impact model assumes that the total duration of activity is a site-type dependent parameter only and, that the values used in the impact model for each site type are the same regardless of the geographical location within the United States. Additionally, it has been assumed that the value of the average population density surrounding a given site type has no influence on the duration of the construction activity.

In the following sections, a detailed evaluation of both of the above assumptions regarding the duration of construction site activity is presented.

4.1 DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY SITE TYPE
AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

4.1.1 Local Construction Activity

Data for local construction activity time periods (construction begin and end dates) were obtained from the Office of Research and Statistics (ORS) - Community Development Branch of Fairfax County, Virginia. ORS maintains statistical data identifying the duration of construction activity for three of the four site types considered in the construction site noise impact model: 1) residential, 2) office/public service, and 3) industrial/commercial. From the more than 45,000 records compiled by ORS, a random statistical sample consisting of 1,984 individual records was collected for detailed evaluation.

Data for the residential site types were divided into three structure-type categories: 1) single-family, 2) multi-family, and 3) town houses. These data were evaluated in two ways: 1) data for each structure-type category were analyzed individually, and 2) data for all three structure-type categories were combined and analyzed as a single data set.

Table 4-1 presents a summary listing of the statistical analyses of the average duration of construction activity as a function of site type for the three site types considered.

4.1.2 National Construction Activity

Data for national construction activity time periods were obtained from publications prepared by the U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census.^{11,12} These publications provided statistical data concerning the length of time from start of construction to completion for the following structure types:

TABLE 4-1 ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION
 SITE ACTIVITY BY SITE TYPE - LOCAL (FAIRFAX
 COUNTY, VA.) CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DATA

<u>CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DATA POINTS</u>	<u>DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY, MONTHS</u>	
		<u>MEAN</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Single-Family (Residential)	968	8.76	6.62
Multi-Family (Residential)	145	15.34	6.99
Town Houses (Residential)	508	12.70	8.05
All Residential Site Types (Single-Family, Multi-Family, Town Houses)	1,621	10.59	7.49
Office/Public Service	136	12.03	6.08
Industrial/ Commercial	227	9.22	5.08

- Single- and multi-family residential building projects,
- Non-residential building projects including industrial, office, commercial, and other non-residential construction (excluding highways, streets, and public utilities).

Single- and Multi-Family Residential Structures:

Tables 4-2 and 4-3 present annual data showing the average number of months from start to completion for new single- and multi-family buildings, respectively, for years 1971 to 1978. Table 4-2 presents these data with respect to geographical region within the U.S. while Table 4-3 shows average activity duration with respect to the number of units* in the building.

Non-Residential Building Projects:

Tables 4-4 and 4-5 present statistical data concerning construction activity durations for private non-residential building projects completed in 1976 and 1977. The data shown on both tables are categorized with respect to project cost (i.e., value of the project put in place). Table 4-4 lists the number of projects completed in a specific time period as a percentage of the total number of projects completed in a given cost category. These percentages are also shown cumulatively. For example, Table 4-4 shows that 17.4 percent of the projects costing between \$100,00 and \$250,000 were completed in the fourth month after the month of start; 55.5 percent were completed within four months after starting. Table 4-5 shows the average number of months from start of construction to completion for selected types of non-residential buildings. These non-residential building types include: 1) industrial, 2) office, 3) commercial, and 4) other non-residential (excluding highways, streets, and public utilities).

* A housing unit is a single room or group of rooms intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family, by a group of unrelated persons living together, or by a person living alone.

TABLE 4-2 AVERAGE NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM START TO COMPLETION
FOR NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSES COMPLETED BY REGION
(From Reference 11)

Year	United States	Geographic Region*			
		North-east	North Central	South	West
1971	4.8	5.9	5.2	4.4	4.4
1972	5.2	6.0	5.6	4.9	5.0
1973	6.0	6.5	6.0	5.8	5.9
1974	6.2	6.6	6.5	6.0	6.2
1975	6.1	6.3	6.6	5.8	6.1
1976	5.5	6.1	6.0	5.0	5.5
1977	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.4	6.0
1978	6.2	6.5	6.6	5.7	6.7
AVERAGE FOR ALL YEARS	5.7	6.2	6.0	5.4	5.7

* States contained in each geographic region are as follows:

NORTHEAST - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; NORTH CENTRAL - Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas; SOUTH - Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; WEST - Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii.

TABLE 4-3 AVERAGE NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM START TO COMPLETION FOR NEW
 MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS COMPLETED BY NUMBER OF UNITS IN THE BUILDING
 (From Reference 11)

Year	Buildings with 2 to 4 units	Total	Buildings with 5 units or more				
			Buildings with				
			5 to 9 units	10 to 19 units	20 to 29 units	30 to 49 units	50 units or more
1971	5.9	8.6	7.7	8.4	8.6	9.1	12.7
1972	6.0	8.9	8.0	9.3	9.2	9.2	14.5
1973	7.2	10.1	9.6	10.1	10.8	10.5	15.1
1974	7.7	11.0	10.4	11.0	11.8	12.2	16.0
1975	7.4	12.0	11.7	11.4	12.2	13.7	18.3
1976	6.4	9.3	8.8	9.0	9.9	10.9	18.7
1977	6.4	8.8	8.5	8.7	8.8	10.3	16.9
1978	7.3	9.6	9.3	9.7	9.9	10.5	15.1
AVERAGE FOR ALL YEARS	6.8	9.8	9.3	9.7	10.2	10.8	15.9

TABLE 4-4 PRIVATE NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 1976 AND 1977 -
 PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM START OF
 CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETION (From Reference 12)

(Components may not add to totals due to rounding)

Month work completed	Cost category and projects															
	\$5,000,000 or more (643 projects)		\$3,000,000 to \$4,999,999 (236 projects)		\$1,000,000 to \$2,999,999 (1031 projects)		\$500,000 to \$999,999 (1007 projects)		\$250,000 to \$499,999 (1104 projects)		\$100,000 to \$249,999 (1006 projects)		\$50,000 to \$49,999 (1189 projects)		\$25,000 to \$49,999 (890 projects)	
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative
None month or month of start...			0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.5	1.5	5.1	5.1
1st month after month of start...			-	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.9	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.8	11.3	12.9	14.4	19.3
2nd month after month of start...	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.5	4.4	6.3	9.5	15.4	18.4	19.4	27.2	40.0	56.1	75.6
3rd month after month of start...	-	0.1	-	0.3	2.7	4.2	8.9	15.2	12.4	28.0	17.4	55.5	11.6	74.8	6.9	92.3
4th month after month of start...	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	4.4	8.4	8.3	23.5	15.5	43.5	12.3	67.8	9.2	84.0	1.8	94.2
5th month after month of start...	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.2	8.0	18.6	11.5	35.0	11.9	55.4	10.7	78.5	5.6	89.4	1.5	95.7
6th month after month of start...	-	0.5	0.6	1.8	4.2	22.8	9.4	44.3	9.8	55.2	6.8	85.3	2.7	92.3	1.2	96.9
7th month after month of start...	0.3	0.8	1.9	3.8	8.8	31.6	9.0	51.4	8.1	73.3	3.8	89.1	1.4	93.7	0.5	97.3
8th month after month of start...	0.4	1.2	2.1	5.9	8.4	40.0	8.3	61.4	6.0	79.3	2.3	91.5	1.8	95.5	0.3	97.9
9th month after month of start...	1.0	2.2	3.0	10.9	6.8	46.8	5.9	67.4	3.4	82.7	2.1	93.6	1.1	96.6	0.2	98.3
10th month after month of start...	1.0	3.2	5.8	16.7	6.8	53.6	6.0	73.6	2.6	85.3	1.5	95.1	0.8	97.4	0.4	98.7
11th month after month of start...	2.7	5.9	10.7	26.9	5.3	58.7	5.6	79.1	3.1	88.4	1.2	96.3	0.4	97.8	0.2	98.9
12th month after month of start...	2.5	8.3	3.4	32.3	5.3	64.0	3.7	82.3	2.4	91.0	0.8	97.1	0.3	98.1	0.5	99.4
13th month after month of start...	2.8	11.1	3.2	35.5	5.2	69.3	2.8	85.1	2.2	93.2	0.6	97.7	0.2	98.2		
14th month after month of start...	5.3	16.4	4.2	39.7	4.3	73.4	3.2	88.3	1.4	94.4	0.3	97.9	0.4	98.4		
15th month after month of start...	3.4	19.8	4.4	44.1	3.0	76.4	2.4	90.7	1.3	95.9	0.2	98.1	0.1	98.8		
16th month after month of start...	4.2	24.0	3.6	47.7	4.7	81.1	1.8	92.5	0.8	96.7	0.2	98.3	0.3	99.0		
17th month after month of start...	3.0	26.9	4.6	52.3	2.2	83.3	1.3	93.8	0.3	97.0	0.2	98.2				
18th month after month of start...	5.4	32.6	7.7	60.0	1.7	85.0	1.0	94.8	0.7	97.8	0.1	98.4				
19th month after month of start...	5.5	38.0	1.9	61.9	3.1	88.1	0.6	95.3	0.1	97.9	0.4	99.0				
20th month after month of start...	3.2	41.2	3.9	65.9	1.3	89.3	0.7	96.0	0.3	98.2						
21st month after month of start...	4.0	45.3	2.3	68.2	0.8	90.2	0.7	96.7	0.1	98.3						
22nd month after month of start...	2.7	48.0	3.1	71.2	1.0	91.2	0.3	97.0	0.2	98.5						
23rd month after month of start...	5.2	53.2	3.6	74.8	0.7	91.8	4.3	97.3	0.3	98.8						
24th month after month of start...	3.0	56.2	2.8	77.6	0.4	92.3	0.3	97.4	0.1	98.8						
25th month after month of start...	3.8	60.1	3.9	81.5	0.9	93.2	0.2	97.8	0.1	98.9						
26th month after month of start...	4.4	64.4	1.8	83.3	1.1	94.2	0.2	98.0	0.4	99.5						
27th month after month of start...	2.5	66.9	2.6	85.9	1.1	95.3	0.4	98.4								
28th month after month of start...	3.5	70.4	1.0	86.9	0.7	96.0	0.4	98.8								
29th month after month of start...	2.1	72.4	3.1	90.0	0.2	96.2		98.8								
30th month after month of start...	2.8	75.4	0.6	90.4	0.1	96.2	0.1	98.9								
31st month after month of start...	3.0	78.4	2.2	92.8	0.5	96.7	0.5	99.4								
32nd month after month of start...	3.5	81.9	0.9	93.7	0.3	97.0										
33rd month after month of start...	1.8	83.5	0.5	94.3	0.9	97.9										
34th month after month of start...	2.4	86.1	1.2	95.4	0.1	98.0										
35th month after month of start...	2.0	88.2	0.2	95.6	0.3	98.3										
36th month after month of start...	2.1	90.3	-	95.4	0.5	98.7										
37th month after month of start...	1.3	91.6	0.7	96.3	-	98.7										
38th month after month of start...	1.1	92.7	0.4	96.7	0.1	98.8										
39th month after month of start...	1.0	93.4	1.1	97.8	0.2	99.0										
40th month after month of start...	1.6	95.3	0.2	98.0					100.0							100.0
41st month after month of start...																
42nd month after month of start...	2.0	97.3	1.3	99.3			100.0									
43rd month after month of start...	0.2	97.5										100.0				
44th month after month of start...	0.5	98.1														
45th month after month of start...	0.3	98.4												100.0		
46th month after month of start...	0.2	98.6			100.0											
47th month after month of start...	0.3	98.9														
48th month or more.....	3.1	100.0														

- Represents zero.

TABLE 4-5 PRIVATE NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 1976 AND 1977 - AVERAGE NUMBER OF MONTHS FROM START OF CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETION FOR SELECTED TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION (From Reference 12)

Value of project	Construction Types				
	All types	Industrial	Office buildings	Other commercial	Other nonresidential
\$5,000,000 or more	24.9	23.2	25.7	21.2	28.4
\$3,000,000 to \$4,999,999	19.3	16.8	18.1	18.9	22.2
\$1,000,000 to \$2,999,999	12.9	12.0	14.8	11.2	15.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999	9.4	8.0	10.5	8.4	11.5
\$250,000 to 499,999	7.3	6.2	7.7	6.6	9.2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5.1	4.8	5.4	4.5	7.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	6.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	4.6
AVERAGE FOR ALL PROJECT VALUES	10.7	9.7	11.1	9.6	13.1

Note: Average number of months assumes projects completed in month started took full month; projects completed in first month following month of start took 1.5 months; projects completed in second month following month of start took 2.5 months; projects completed in third month following month of start took 3.0 months; projects completed in fourth month following month of start took 4.0 months; etc.

4.2 DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY BY SITE TYPE AND SURROUNDING POPULATION DENSITY VALUE

The construction site noise impact model assumes that the duration of construction site activity is independent of the surrounding population density value. That is, for a given construction site type, the length of time from start to completion of the project is the same in all five SMSA region categories considered in the noise impact model. On a national basis, there is currently no data available which can be used to support or to refute the assumption that the average duration of construction site activity is independent of the surrounding population density value. However, data for local (Fairfax County, Va.) construction projects were obtained from the Office of Research and Statistics (ORS) - Community Development Branch of Fairfax County, Virginia.

From a listing of more than 45,000 records concerning construction projects throughout Fairfax County, a random statistical sample consisting of 1,984 individual records was collected. For each individual record, the following items were recorded: 1) type of construction project, 2) length of time from start to completion of the project, and 3) location of the project identified by census tract number. From census data presented in Fairfax County publications, census tract population density values* for 1,046 of the 1,984 individual construction project records were computed.^{13,14,15}

Based on the data described above, the mean census tract population density value, and the relationship between census tract population density and duration of construction activity were evaluated for the following construction site types: 1) residential, 2) office/

*Average population density values were computed from the total population and the total occupied land area specified for each census tract number. These data were presented in References 13,14, and 15.

public service, and 3) industrial/commercial. Additionally, data for the residential site types were divided into three structure-type categories (single-family, multi-family, and town houses) and evaluated as separate data set. Table 4-6 presents a summary listing of the results of the statistical analyses of the mean census tract population density associated with each construction site type. Table 4-7 and Figures 4-1 through 4-6 present the results of the linear regression analyses of the relationships between duration of construction site activity and census tract population density. APPENDIX D presents a complete listing of the data used to compute the mean census tract population density values shown on Table 4-6, and to derive the relationships between duration of construction site activity and census tract population density shown on Table 4-7.

4.3 EVALUATION OF STUDY RESULTS

4.3.1 Duration of Construction Activity by Site Type and Geographical Location

Single- and Multi-Family Residential Structures:

Table 4-8 presents a summary listing of annual data showing the percentage distribution of the number of residential building project starts by geographical location and structure type (i.e., structures with 1 unit, 2-4 units, or 5 units or more) over the period of from 1971 to 1978. Table 4-8 is derived from statistical data presented on Table 7 in Reference 11. Based on the information listed in Tables 4-2, 4-3, and 4-8, a weighted-average construction activity duration time period was determined for residential site types. The weighted-average duration accounts for the differences in the average construction activity duration and the relative number of building projects associated with each structure type category. The weighted-average construction activity durations, by geographical region, are shown below:

TABLE 4-6 ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE CENSUS TRACT
 POPULATION DENSITY AS A FUNCTION
 OF CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE - COMPUTED
 FROM LOCAL (FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA.) DATA

<u>CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DATA POINTS</u>	<u>CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY, PEOPLE/SQ. MI.</u>	
		<u>MEAN</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Single-Family (Residential)	669	1,580	1,800
Multi-Family (Residential)	50	9,910	8,590
Town Houses (Residential)	242	3,920	3,620
All Residential Site Types (Single-Family, Multi-Family, and Town Houses)	961	2,600	3,640
Office/Public Service	34	2,690	2,770
Industrial/ Commercial	51	2,570	2,720

TABLE 4-7 ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY - RELATIONSHIPS DERIVED FROM LOCAL (FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA.) DATA

BEST FIT LINEAR RELATIONSHIP:
DURATION = a + b · (Population Density)

<u>CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>Correlation Coefficient</u>
Single-Family (Residential)	6.671	4.0×10^{-5}	0.0268
Multi-Family (Residential)	11.433	-11.0×10^{-5}	-0.3390
Town House (Residential)	9.124	-9.0×10^{-5}	-0.1107
All Residential (Single-Family, Multi-Family, and Town Houses)	7.131	11.0×10^{-5}	0.1313
Office/Public Services	8.643	7.0×10^{-5}	0.0513
Industrial/ Commercial	7.128	22.0×10^{-5}	0.2241

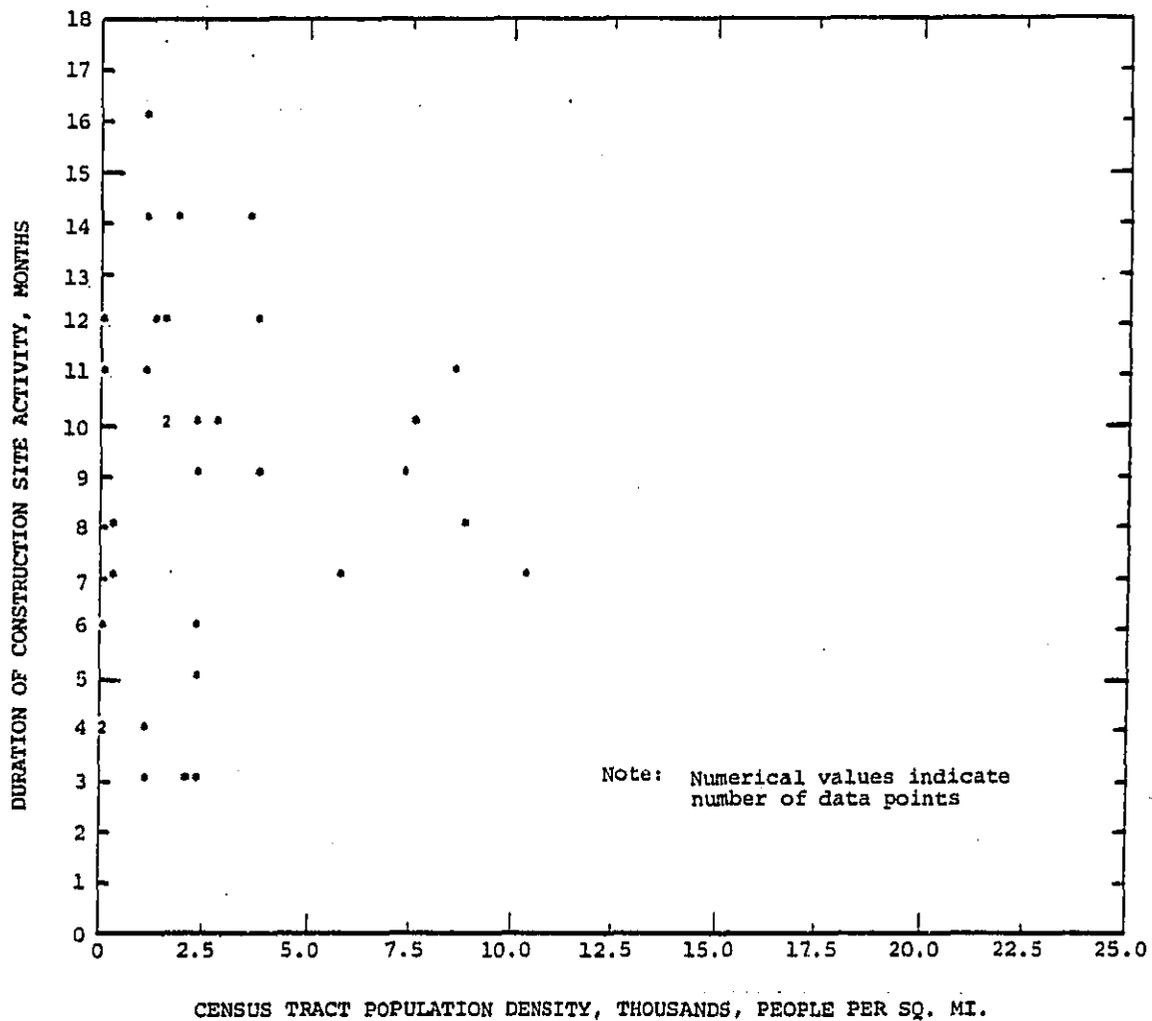


FIGURE 4-1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; OFFICE/PUBLIC SERVICE SITE TYPES

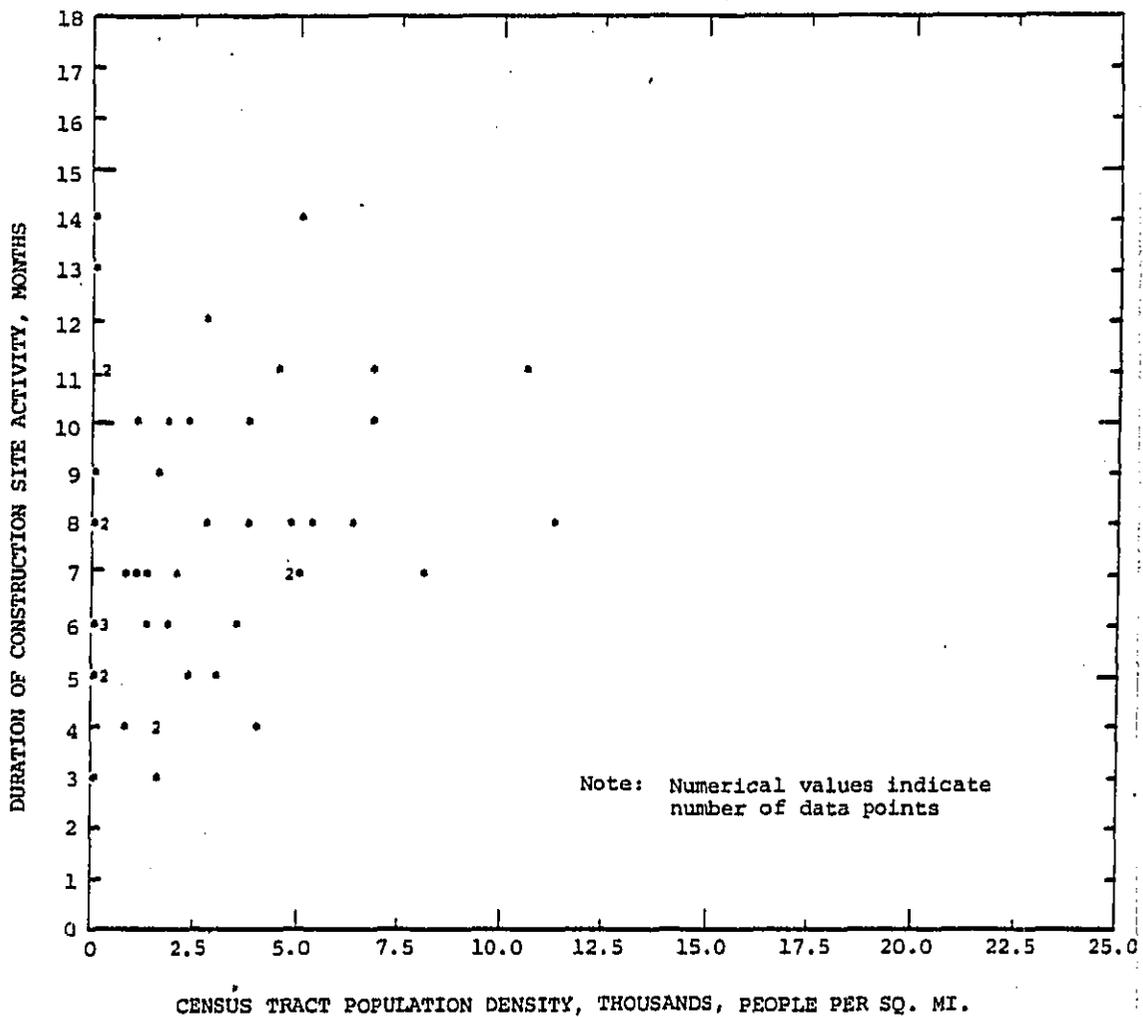


FIGURE 4-2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL SITE TYPES

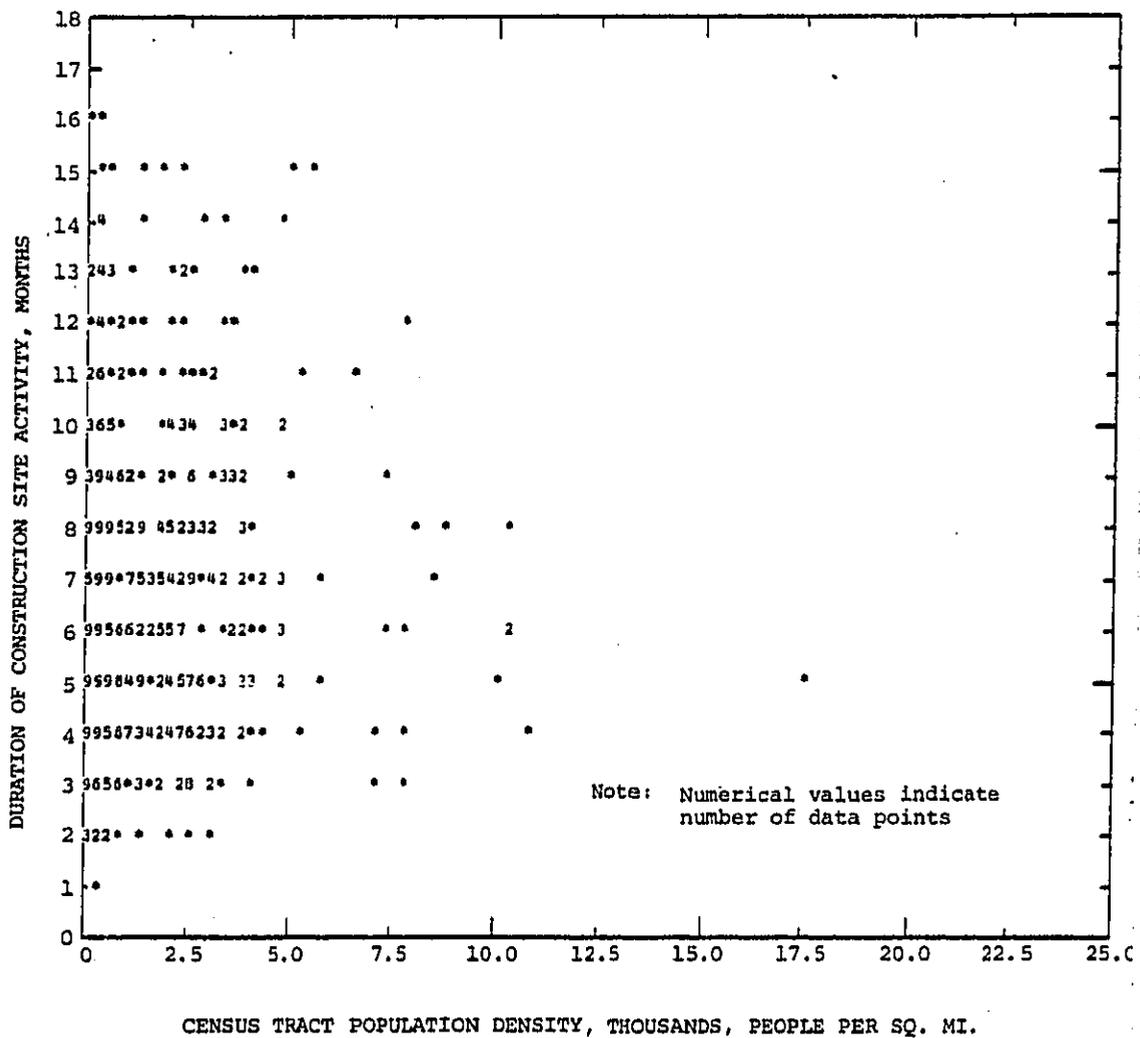


FIGURE 4-3 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; SINGLE-FAMILY (RESIDENTIAL) SITE TYPES

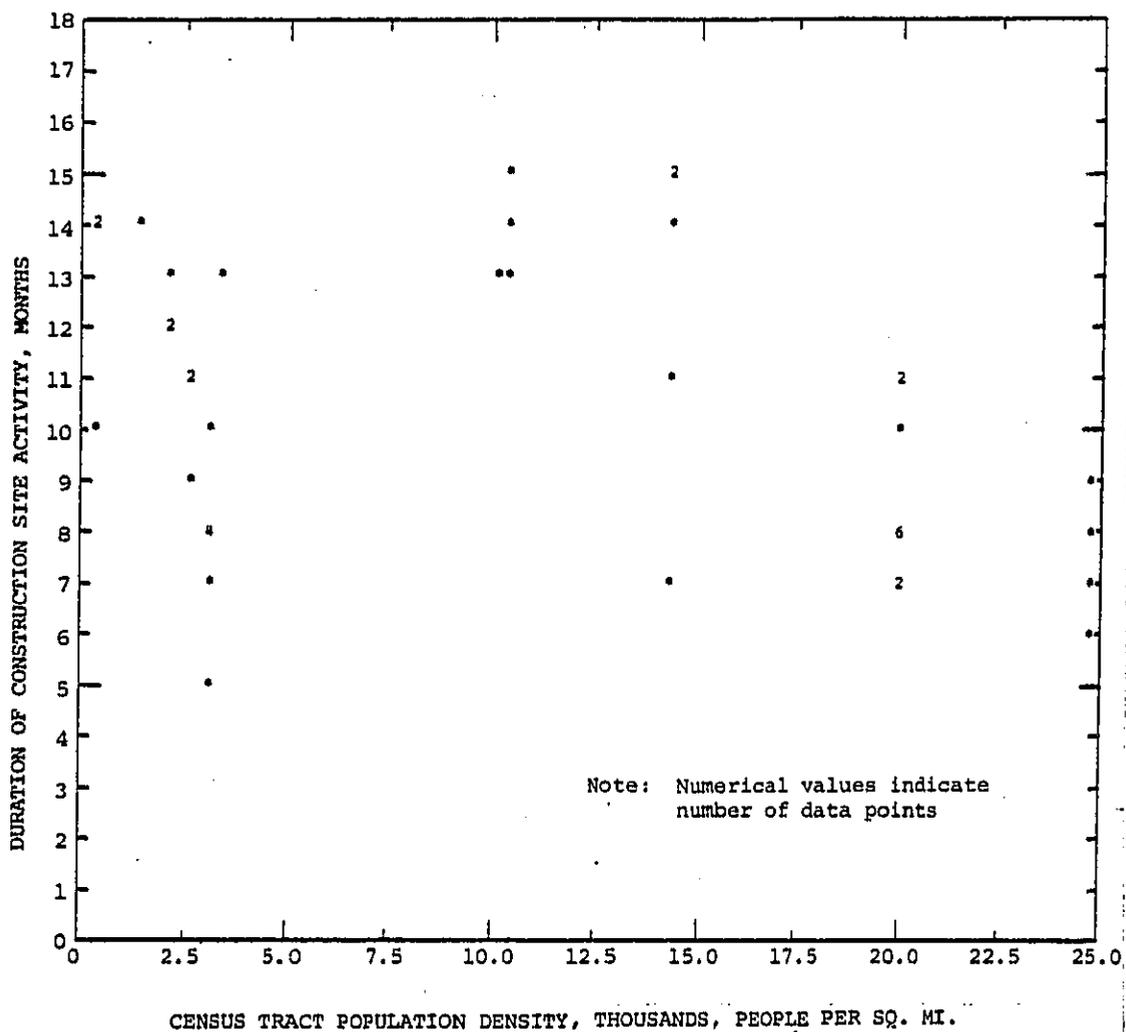


FIGURE 4-4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; MULTI-FAMILY (RESIDENTIAL) SITE TYPES

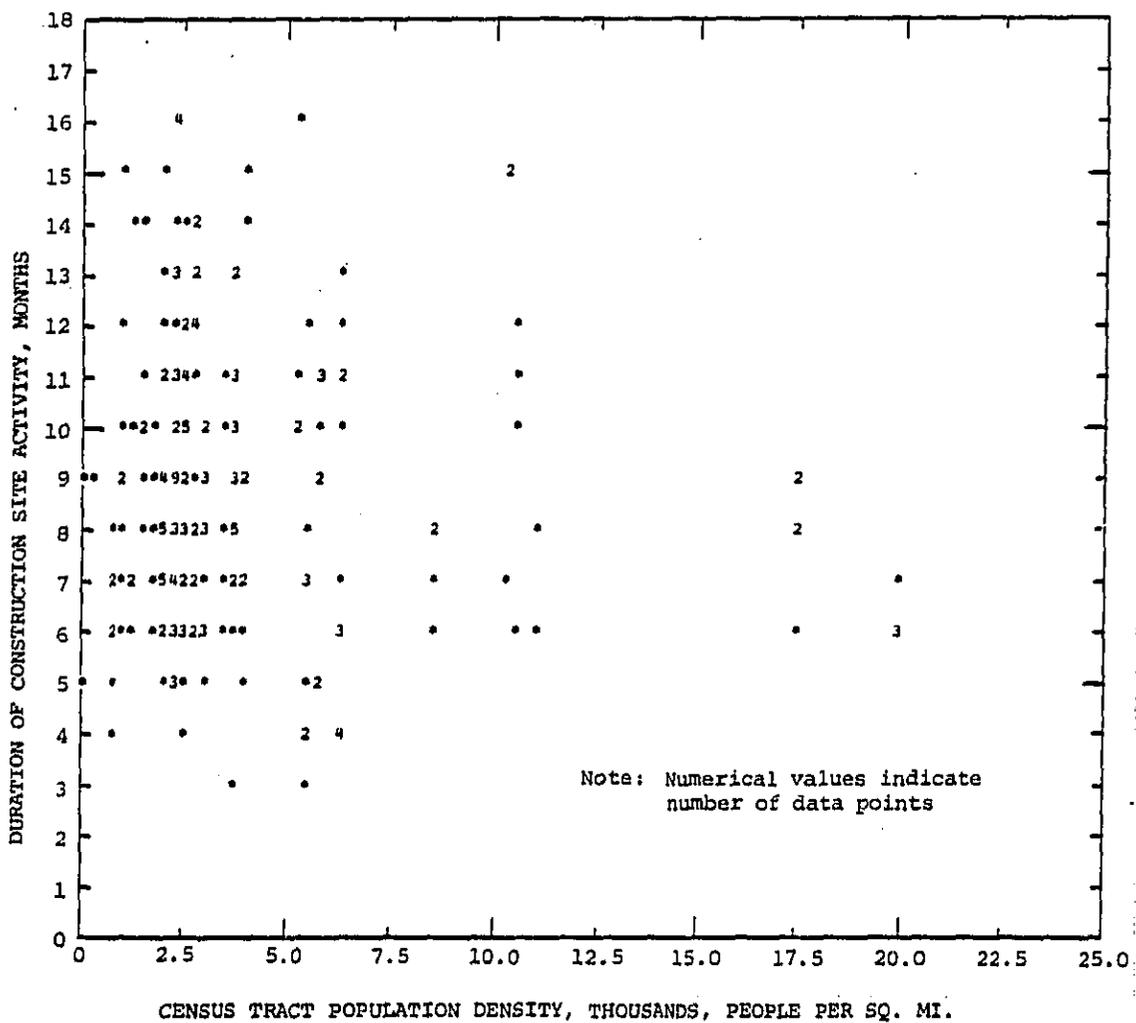


FIGURE 4-5 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; TOWN HOUSE (RESIDENTIAL) SITE TYPES

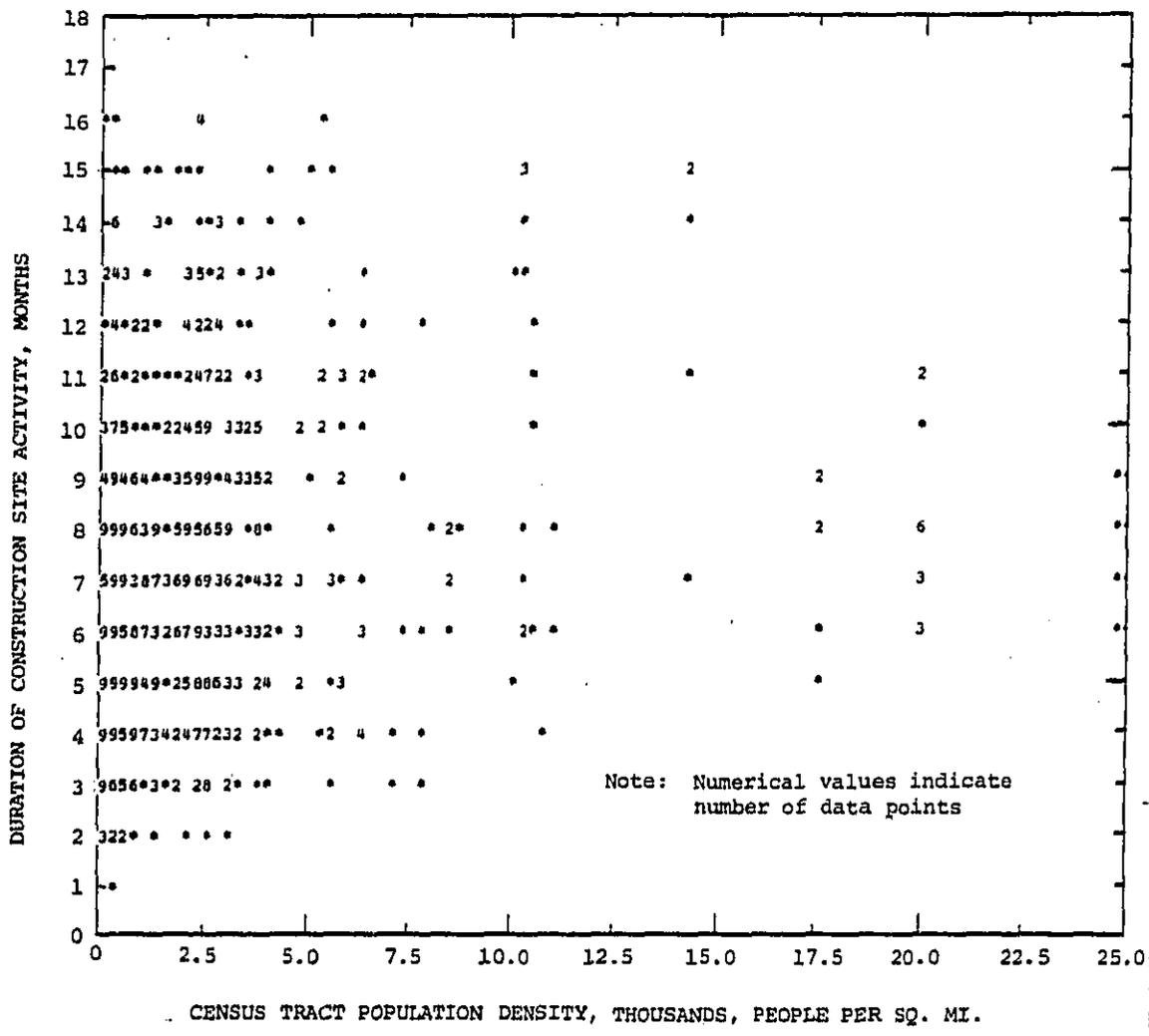


FIGURE 4-6 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY AND CENSUS TRACT POPULATION DENSITY; RESIDENTIAL (SINGLE-FAMILY, MULTI-FAMILY, AND TOWN HOUSE) SITE TYPES

TABLE 4-8 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROJECT STARTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND STRUCTURE TYPE (From Reference 11)

(Components may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding)

Year	United States			Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Structures with --			Structures with --			Structures with --			Structures with --			Structures with --		
	1 unit	2 - 4 units	5 units or more	1 unit	2 - 4 units	5 units or more	1 unit	2 - 4 units	5 units or more	1 unit	2 - 4 units	5 units or more	1 unit	2 - 4 units	5 units or more
1971	56.1	5.8	38.1	54.9	6.1	39.0	54.8	5.3	39.9	60.5	4.4	35.1	49.7	9.1	41.2
1972	55.6	6.0	38.5	51.6	5.8	42.6	57.8	5.6	36.6	57.9	4.2	37.9	51.6	9.7	38.7
1973	55.4	5.8	38.9	56.0	6.1	37.9	61.1	5.2	33.6	53.2	4.1	42.7	53.6	9.6	36.8
1974	66.4	5.1	28.6	65.0	4.9	30.1	71.0	4.7	24.3	66.4	4.0	29.7	61.8	8.4	29.8
1975	76.9	5.5	17.6	75.1	5.4	19.5	75.5	5.8	18.7	82.0	3.6	13.6	69.8	8.4	21.8
1976	75.6	5.7	18.8	75.2	4.7	20.1	73.5	5.8	20.8	81.5	3.3	15.1	69.2	9.3	21.5
1977	73.0	6.1	20.8	77.2	5.0	17.8	72.5	6.2	21.3	75.1	4.1	20.8	68.8	9.5	21.7
1978	70.9	6.2	22.9	73.5	5.0	21.5	72.1	6.2	21.7	73.3	4.2	22.5	65.1	9.2	25.7
AVERAGE FOR ALL YEARS	66.2	5.8	28.0	66.1	5.4	28.6	67.3	5.6	27.1	68.8	4.0	27.2	61.2	9.2	29.7

Weighted-Average Construction Activity Duration, Months

	<u>Geographical Region</u>			
<u>United States</u>	<u>North-east</u>	<u>North Central</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
6.9	7.3	7.1	6.7	7.0

Non-Residential Building Projects:

Table 4-9 presents a summary listing of annual data showing the percentage distribution of the number of private industrial, commercial, office, and public service building project starts in the U.S. for time periods 1976 and 1977. Table 4-9 is derived from statistical data presented on Table C-2 in Reference 22. A distribution of the number of building projects by geographical region was not provided. Therefore, the data presented on Table 4-9 is applicable only on a national basis. From the data presented on Tables 4-5 and 4-9, weighted-average construction activity duration time periods were determined for the industrial/commercial and office/public service building project types (i.e., the industrial plus commercial building projects, and office plus public service building projects). The weighted-average durations, by building project type, are shown below:

Weighted-Average Construction Activity Duration, Months

<u>Industrial/Commercial</u>	<u>Office/Public Service</u>
9.6	12.9

4.3.2 Duration of Construction Site Activity by Site Type and Surrounding Population Density

Based on local construction activity data and census tract population density values, the relationship between average population density and duration of construction activity shows a rather poor correlation. This poor correlation has been shown (Table 4-7) to be independent of construction site type. However, it should be noted

TABLE 4-9 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL,
COMMERCIAL, OFFICE, AND PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING PROJECT STARTS
(From Reference 22)

(Components may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding)

<u>Year</u>	<u>BUILDING PROJECT TYPE</u>			
	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Commercial*</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Public Service**</u>
1976	9.9	24.1	7.3	58.7
1977	10.6	24.4	7.5	57.5
AVERAGE	10.3	24.3	7.4	58.1

* Includes: service stations, repair garages, stores and other mercantile buildings, and amusement buildings.

** Includes: religious buildings, educational buildings, hospitals and other institutional buildings, and other non-residential buildings.

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that data used to establish the relationships between average population density and construction activity duration were obtained, most likely, from a single SMSA region whose characteristics should closely resemble those of the urban fringe. This conclusion is supported by mean population density data presented on Table 4-6. As can be seen from Table 4-6, the mean population density values for the three construction site types considered in the local data analyses are not significantly different from that assumed for the urban fringe SMSA region (i.e., 2,286 people/sq. mile).

4.3.3 Comparison of Study Results With Data Currently Used in the Construction Site Impact Model

The construction activity time periods presented in the preceding sections have been concerned with the length of time from start to completion of construction projects. These time periods are derived from data associated with the issuance of building permits, and do not represent actual construction activity time periods, i.e., the cumulative time period when construction activity is occurring. During the time from start to completion, there is some "down-time" which is comprised of: 1) weekends, 2) holidays, and 3) days when inclement weather will not permit any construction activity. It is assumed that over any construction activity time period, approximately 54 percent of this time period is down-time. The percentage distribution of this down-time is assumed to be:

- 1) weekends - 28 percent
- 2) holidays - 3 percent
- 3) days due to inclement weather* - 23 percent

Based on the above assumptions and the weighted-average construction activity durations presented in Section 4.3.1, the number of 8-hour

* Represents one-third of the available 8-hour workdays when construction activity could occur.

days of actual construction activity has been determined, on a national basis, for three of the four site types considered in the construction site noise impact model: 1) residential, 2) office/public service, and 3) industrial/commercial. A comparison of these data and the data currently used in the impact model is shown below:

<u>SITE TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF 8-HOUR DAYS OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY</u>		<u>ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE</u>
	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>STUDY RESULT</u>	
Residential	60	97	37
Industrial/ Commercial	170	134	36
Office/Public Service	170	181	11

4.3.4 Summary of Study Results

An investigation was performed to evaluate the duration of construction activity for residential, office/public service, and industrial/commercial site types, and to determine the influence of geographical location within the U.S. and surrounding population density on the average construction activity duration time periods. Based on the results of this investigation, the following have been concluded:

1. For residential site types, the weighted-average construction activity duration time period (i.e., length of time from start to completion of the building project) does not vary significantly with respect to geographical location within the U.S. For office/public service and industrial/commercial site types, no data were available to determine the relationship between activity duration and geographical location.
2. Based on local construction activity data and census tract population density values, the relationship between average population density and duration of construction activity, for all site types considered, has a low degree of correlation.

3. Compared with the data currently used in the construction site noise impact model, the study results show that the average (on a national basis) number of 8-hour days of construction activity for the residential and industrial/commercial site types may be underestimated by approximately 38 percent and 27 percent, respectively. For the office/public service site types, the construction activity duration may be overestimated by approximately 6 percent. Some uncertainty in these comparisons exists due to the assumption made regarding the percentage of construction activity "down-time" used in determining the average number of 8-hour days of construction activity. Down-time is defined as the percentage of the construction project start-to-completion time period during which no construction activity occurs.

5. NOISE-REDUCTION VALUES FOR VARIOUS
BUILDING-STRUCTURE TYPES

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The impact criteria used to assess construction site noise impact are based on indoor activity interference and annoyance noise-effects relationships presented in the EPA "Levels Document". The indoor noise impact threshold level is 45 L_{dn} .

Impact calculations associated with office/public service and industrial/commercial construction in high- and low-density urban center population density region categories are performed relative to an L_{dn} outdoor threshold of 65 dB. For all other construction site type and population density region category combinations, the impact calculations are performed relative to an outdoor L_{dn} threshold level of 55 dB. These impact threshold levels are based on two assumptions: 1) in the high- and low-density urban centers, building structures near office/public service and industrial/commercial construction sites provide, on the average, a 20 dB reduction between exterior and interior noise levels, 2) the noise reduction between exterior and interior noise levels in all other cases is 10 dB. The implications of these two assumptions are: 1) building noise-reduction values are primarily a function of the building structure type, i.e., the building's physical characteristics, 2) building structures which afford 20 dB of noise reduction are typically large office/public service and high rise apartment and commercial building types with heavy wall construction, and double-glazed windows, and 3) building structures which afford 10 dB of noise reduction are typically light-weight, single- and multi-family dwellings with light wall construction, and single-pane glass windows.

The following sections present a detailed evaluation of available data concerning "typical" or average noise-reduction values

for the following building-structure types:

1. single-family residential
2. office/public service
3. commercial/apartment high rise

The evaluation is based on a review of earlier and more recent publications concerning outdoor-indoor noise level reduction investigations. Building noise-reduction (i.e., the difference between exterior and interior noise levels), rather than sound transmission loss, is evaluated since it has been observed that building noise-reduction values measured in the field generally fall well below those that would be predicted from the transmission loss properties of basic wall or roof structures.

5.1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

5.1.1 Early Investigations Of Building Noise-Reduction

Most of the earlier investigations related to the noise-reduction* characteristics of various types of buildings were concerned primarily with residential dwellings (single-family houses) exposed to aircraft noise sources.^{17,18,19} The noise reductions were generally expressed in terms of two noise descriptors: 1) perceived-noise levels (PNL) and, 2) A-weighted sound levels. Evaluation of data presented in References 17, 18 and 19 have shown that the average differences between noise reduction values expressed in terms of dBA and PNdB (i.e., $NR_{dBA} - NR_{PNdB}$) are on the order of one-half of a dB. However, this difference was determined from propeller and turbine powered aircraft noise sources and, may not be applicable to other noise sources.

* Building noise reduction (NR) is defined as the difference between the maximum sound levels observed outside a building and inside a building during discrete or continuous noise events.

Bishop¹⁷ (1965) reported the results of a study to determine typical aircraft noise reduction values for furnished living rooms and bedrooms in residential buildings. Table 5-1 presents a summary of the results reported. The data shown on Table 5-1 are given in terms of PNdB and dBA, where the dBA values are computed using the approximation: $dBA \approx PNdB + 0.5 \text{ dB}$. Young¹⁸ (1970) reported the results of an investigation to determine the aircraft noise attenuation characteristics of two furnished houses - a wood-sided frame house and a brick-veneered frame house. A four-engine propeller-driven aircraft and a four-engine turbofan aircraft were used as noise sources. All indoor measurements were obtained with the windows closed. The building noise-reduction data were expressed in terms of thirty-six physical noise measures. Table 5-2 presents a summary listing of the results reported in Reference 18, in terms of PNL and A-weighted sound level only.

In October 1971, the Society of Automotive Engineering, Inc. published an Aerospace Information Report (AIR) describing the results of several house noise-reduction investigations conducted in five locations* in the U.S.¹⁹ The purpose of this document (AIR 1080) was to present actual measurement data showing the noise reduction of aircraft flyover noise from the outside to the inside of houses located in various climates and with various window configurations (i.e., open and closed). Average house noise-reduction values were grouped in accordance with the following four climate/window configuration categories:

1. Warm climate / windows open,
2. Warm climate / windows closed,
3. Cold climate / windows open,
4. Cold climate / windows closed.

* These locations included: 1) New York, 2) Boston, 3) Miami, 4) Los Angeles, and 5) Wallops Station, Virginia.

TABLE 5-1 REDUCTION OF AIRCRAFT NOISE OBSERVED FOR LIVING ROOMS
AND BEDROOMS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES
(From Reference 17)

<u>TYPE OF NOISE SIGNAL</u>	<u>ROOM TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS</u>	<u>MEAN NOISE REDUCTIONS</u>	
			<u>PNdB</u>	<u>dB(A)</u>
Takeoff	Living Room	39	20.9	21.4
Takeoff	Bedroom	39	24.1	24.6
Approach	Living Room	46	22.1	22.6
Approach	Bedroom	46	23.8	24.3
		AVERAGE	22.7	23.2

TABLE 5-2 REDUCTION OF AIRCRAFT FLYOVER NOISE OBSERVED
FOR VARIOUS ROOMS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES (From Reference 18)

HOUSE TYPE	ROOM TYPE	NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS	MEAN NOISE REDUCTION*	
			PNdB	dBA
Brick-Veneer Frame	Dining Room	4	23.1	23.4
	Living Room	4	21.2	21.8
	Bedroom No.1	4	27.5	27.5
	Bedroom No.2	4	25.9	26.0
Wood-Sided Frame	Dining Room	4	22.8	21.3
	Living Room	4	21.2	19.7
	Bedroom No.1	4	25.3	24.6
	Bedroom No.2	4	18.1	18.0
AVERAGE FOR BOTH HOUSE TYPES			23.1	22.8

*Average of the noise-reduction values computed using three data analysis techniques:

1. Outdoor noise intensity minus indoor intensity at the time when the outdoor noise was maximum,
2. Outdoor noise intensity minus indoor noise intensity at the time when the indoor noise was maximum,
3. Maximum outdoor noise intensity minus the maximum indoor noise intensity.

Table 5-3 and Table 5-4 present the average house noise-reduction values in terms of octave-band (from 63 Hz to 4000 Hz) sound pressure level and in terms of overall A-weighted sound level, respectively, for each of the four climate/window configurations.

5.1.2 Recent Investigations of Building Noise Reduction

Data from a recent publication ²⁰ by Sutherland (1978) has augmented the available outdoor-indoor noise-reduction data for single-family (detached dwellings) residential structures. These recent data include noise-reduction measurements for both aircraft and highway traffic noise sources and, are given in terms of the difference between outdoor and indoor A-weighted sound levels with windows open and windows closed. The data are also grouped according to the two general climate categories used in Reference 19, i.e., "warm" and "cold" climates. Table 5-5 presents a summary listing of the data given in Reference 20. It should be noted that the data shown on Table 5-5 represent mean noise-reduction values which have been computed from weighted-average noise reduction values reported in the various investigations included in the data analyses. This weighting is based on the number of rooms associated with a given average noise-reduction value (see Table II in Reference 20).

5.2 OFFICE/PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMERCIAL/APARTMENT HIGH RISE STRUCTURES

Compared with the single-family residential structures, there is very little building noise-reduction data available for office/public service and commercial/apartment high rise structures. However, some data have been reported for aircraft and highway traffic noise sources.^{17,20,21} Table 5-6 and Table 5-7 present summary listings of these data.

TABLE 5-3 BUILDING NOISE REDUCTION VALUES IN TERMS OF AVERAGE
OCTAVE-BAND SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL FOR SINGLE-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES (From Reference 19)

CLIMATE/WINDOW CONFIGURATION CATEGORY	SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (dB) FOR OCTAVE-BAND CENTER FREQUENCIES (Hz)							NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS USED TO COMPUTE AVERAGE
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	
Warm/Open	11.2	9.0	11.8	12.8	11.7	11.1	12.8	15
Warm/Closed	17.4	18.1	20.5	22.2	25.3	26.9	28.9	28
Cold/Open	14.0	14.4	15.6	16.3	18.0	19.3	20.3	31
Cold/Closed	17.0	18.7	21.7	26.3	30.2	33.6	33.4	32
<u>Average for:</u>								
Warm/Open and Closed	15.3	14.9	17.5	18.9	20.5	21.4	23.3	43
Cold/Open and Closed	15.5	16.6	18.7	21.4	24.2	26.6	26.9	63
Warm and Cold/ Open	13.1	12.6	14.4	15.2	15.9	16.6	17.9	46
Warm and Cold/ Closed	17.2	18.4	21.1	24.4	27.9	30.5	31.3	60
All Categories	15.4	15.9	18.2	20.4	22.7	24.5	25.5	106

TABLE 5-4 BUILDING NOISE REDUCTION VALUES IN TERMS OF AVERAGE
A-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
STRUCTURES (From Reference 19)

<u>ELIMATE/WINDOW CONFIGURATION CATEGORY</u>	<u>A-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL, dBA</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS USED TO COMPUTE AVERAGE</u>
Warm/Open	12.1	86
Warm/Closed	24.6	84
Cold/Open	17.0	106
Cold/Closed	26.0	130
<u>Average for:</u>		
Warm/Open and Closed	18.3	170
Cold/Open and Closed	22.0	236
Warm and Cold/ Open	14.8	192
Warm and Cold/ Closed	25.5	214
All Categories	20.4	406

TABLE 5-5 BUILDING NOISE REDUCTION VALUES IN TERMS OF (WEIGHTED)
 AVERAGE A-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL FOR SINGLE-FAMILY
 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES (From Reference 20)

<u>NOISE SOURCE</u>	<u>CLIMATE/WINDOW CONFIGURATION CATEGORY</u>	<u>A-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL, dBA</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ROOMS ASSOCIATED WITH WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPUTATION</u>
Aircraft	Warm/Open	12.1	14
	Warm/Closed	26.4	132
	Cold/Open	18.4	26
	Cold/Closed	27.6	26
Highway	Warm/Open	*	*
	Warm/Closed	25.0	11
	Cold/Open	11.2	29
	Cold/Closed	22.8	33
Aircraft and Highway	<u>Average for:</u>		
	Warm/Open and Closed	25.0	157
	Cold/Open and Closed	19.9	114
	Warm and Cold/Open	14.1	69
	Warm and Cold/Closed	25.9	202
	ALL CATEGORIES	22.9	271

* No data presented.

TABLE 5-6 BUILDING NOISE REDUCTION VALUES FOR OFFICE/PUBLIC SERVICE STRUCTURES

<u>BUILDING TYPE</u>	<u>NOISE SOURCE</u>	<u>AVERAGE NOISE REDUCTION dBA</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS USED TO COMPUTE AVERAGE</u>	<u>SOURCE OF DATA</u>
<u>Schools</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>			
Grade	Approach	20.8	22	
Grade	Takeoff	30.0	21	
High	Approach	22.2	15	Reference 17
Average for all School Types	--	24.5	58	
<u>Schools</u>				
Grade	Aircraft	22.0	264	
Junior High	Aircraft	23.2	48	Reference 21
High	Aircraft	20.0	60	
Average for all School Types	Aircraft	21.8	372	
Hospitals	Aircraft	24.8	105	Reference 21
Average for all Office/Public Service Structures	Aircraft	22.7	535	References 17 and 21

TABLE 5-7 BUILDING NOISE REDUCTION VALUES FOR COMMERCIAL/APARTMENT HIGH RISE STRUCTURES

<u>BUILDING TYPE</u>	<u>NOISE SOURCE</u>	<u>AVERAGE NOISE REDUCTION dBA</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEASUREMENTS USED TO COMPUTE AVERAGE</u>	<u>SOURCE OF DATA</u>
Motel Rooms	Aircraft	19.3*	3	Reference 17
Motel Rooms	Aircraft	25.4**	5	Reference 17
Average for all Motel Rooms	Aircraft	23.1	8	Reference 17
High-Rise Apartments	Highway Traffic	18.5*	7	Reference 21
High-Rise Apartments	Highway Traffic	30.5**	1	Reference 21
Average for all High-Rise Apts.	Highway Traffic	20.0	8	Reference 21
Average for all Commercial/ Apartment High-Rise Structures	Aircraft and Highway Traffic	21.6	16	References 17 and 21

* Windows Opened.

** Windows Closed.

5.3 EVALUATION OF STUDY RESULTS

Building noise-reduction data were collected and evaluated for various building-structure types: 1) single-family residential, 2) office/public service, and 3) commercial/apartment high rise. Both earlier and more recent publications concerning building noise-reduction investigations were considered in the data evaluation.

5.3.1 Single-Family Residential Structures

Based on an evaluation of currently available data (see Tables 5-1, 5-2, 5-4, and 5-5), the average noise-reduction value for single-family residential structures, expressed in terms of A-weighted sound level (L_A), is approximately 20 dB. This level is derived from building noise-reduction data reported for various types single-family residential structures located throughout the United States. These data represent typical outdoor-to-indoor noise attenuation afforded by building structures exposed to aircraft or highway traffic noise sources. Although no data were reported for construction equipment, it is expected that the range of noise spectra produced by aircraft and highway traffic noise sources is not significantly different from that produced by construction equipment. Therefore, the 20 dB noise-reduction value determined for single-family residential structures is assumed to be applicable to construction equipment noise sources.

5.3.2 Office/Public Service and Commercial/Apartment High Rise Structures

Based on an evaluation of currently available data (see Table 5-6 and 5-7), the average noise-reduction value for office/public service and for commercial/apartment high rise structures, expressed in terms of A-weighted sound level, is 20 dB. Data used to derive this noise-reduction level represent typical outdoor-to-indoor noise attenuation afforded by building structures exposed to

aircraft and highway traffic noise sources. However, the 20 dB noise-reduction value is assumed to be applicable to construction equipment noise sources.

5.3.3 Summary of Study Results

Based on an evaluation of currently available data concerning "typical" or average building noise-reduction values, it appears that all construction site noise impact calculation should be performed relative to an L_{dn} outdoor threshold of 65 dB. The suggested use of a 65 dB outdoor threshold for all impact calculations is based on the finding that a representative average building noise-reduction value of 20 dB is applicable to single-family dwellings as well as other larger and heavier building structure types.

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APPENDIX A

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DESCRIPTION OF THE DATA REQUIREMENTS
AND COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURES USED TO
DETERMINE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT USAGE FACTORS

This appendix presents a detailed description of the data requirements and computational procedures used to determine construction equipment usage factors.

A.1 Data Requirements

Equipment usage factors are a function of the following construction site and equipment usage parameters:

1. Average number of hours per day that the machine operates during each construction phase.
2. Fraction of each construction phase duration that the machine operates.
3. Fraction of all sites for each site type on which machine is used.

A.2 Computational Procedure and Description of Data Elements

The following equation is used to determine the usage factors for each construction equipment type:

$$UF = \frac{[(ANH) \cdot (FCP) \cdot (FAS)]}{8} \quad (1-A)$$

where

UF = construction equipment usage factor,
ANH, FCP and FAS are the construction site and equipment usage parameters 1, 2 and 3, respectively as defined in Section A.1.

The factor of 8 in the above equation represents the assumed number of hours per day of construction activity.

A.3 Example Calculation

The following example is a step-by-step procedure used to determine the forklift truck usage factor for the residential site type-foundation construction phase:

- Step 1. Using Table 2-3 in Section 2.3, determine the average number of hours per day and the fraction of the phase duration that the machine operates.

These values are:

ANH = 1.83

FCP = 0.247

Step 2. From Table 2-4 in Section 2.4.2, determine the fraction of sites on which the machine is used.

This value is:

FAS = 0.30

Step 3. Using equation 1-A, compute the equipment usage factor, UF.

$$\begin{aligned} UF &= [(ANH) \cdot (FCP) \cdot (FAS)] / 8 \\ &= [(1.83) \cdot (0.247) \cdot (0.30)] / 8 \\ &= 0.0170 \end{aligned}$$

APPENDIX B

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COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURES USED TO
DETERMINE THE POPULATION TRANSFER BETWEEN
SMSA GEOGRAPHICAL COMPONENTS AND THE
CHANGE IN POPULATION DENSITY DURING THE
NORMAL DAYTIME WORK PERIOD

This appendix presents a detailed description of the procedures for determining the population transfer between SMSA geographical components and for calculating the population density and percent change for the area outside SMSAs.

B.1 Procedure for Determining Population Transfer Between SMSA Geographical Components

The following is a step-by-step procedure for determining worker transfer between SMSA geographical components (SMSA region categories) during the normal daytime work period:

<u>Step Number</u>	<u>Procedure</u>
1	For SMSA Region under investigation, list all <u>fundamental geographic components listed in Journey to Work (Ref. 7)</u> .
2	For each geographic component, find 1970 population, area, and number employed workers from <u>County and City Data Book (Ref. 10)</u> .
3	Determine baseline population density for each geographic component.
4	Place each geographic component into one of four SMSA regional categories (noting name, population, and area) according to the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CRITERIA</u>
High-Density Central Cities (High-Density Urban Centers)	Population >400,000 and density >8,500
Low-Density Central Cities (Low-Density Urban Centers)	Population >400,000 and density 3,000 <ρ ≤ 8,500
Urban Fringe	Population ≤400,000 and density 2,000 <ρ ≤ 3,000
Outside Urban Fringe	Population ≤400,000 and density ρ ≤ 2,000

- 5 Determine total population, area and density for each category.
- 6 Using the Journey to Work book, distribute all worker transfers as appropriate. For example: X workers living in B and working in A — 1) subtract X from SMSA regional category containing B, and 2) add X to SMSA regional category containing A. Include workers living outside SMSA working in the various geographic components being analyzed.
- 7
 - A. Determine the number of employed workers living in the Urban Fringe and SMSA areas outside the Urban Fringe by using data found in Step 2 and results of Step 4.
 - B. Sum these two categories and find percentage of employed workers in each (of the two categories) based on this sum.

- C. Allocate 27 and 73 percent of the "Workers living in the SMSA working outside it" in the Journey to Work publication to the Central City and Outside the Central City (Urban Fringe and SMSA Areas Outside Urban Fringe), respectively. (These percentages are based on data presented in Table 3-1 in Section 3.1).
 - D. Determine the number of workers living in the Urban Fringe and the number living in SMSA Area Outside the Urban Fringe but working outside the SMSA by multiplying the total number of employed workers for both region categories, as determined from step 7C, by the percentages for each region category found in Step 7B.
 - E. Subtract the resultant number of workers found in Steps 7C and 7D for the Central City, Urban Fringe, and Outside the Urban Fringe from the appropriate region categories and add them to the Outside SMSA region category.
- 8
- A. Find Total Employed Persons in each SMSA geographic component using data from Step 2 and results of Step 4 and 7.
 - B. Find percentage of Total Employed Workers in each SMSA geographic component.
 - C. Using Journey to Work publication, find the number of workers living in the SMSA but not reporting their place of employment and multiply this number by percentages found in Step 8B.
 - D. Find the percent of workers living in each SMSA geographic component which worked in another (using data from Step 6).
 - E. Multiply the number of workers found for each component in Step 8C by percentages found in Step 8D and allocate as appropriate.
- 9
- Sum all worker transfers made during Steps 6, 7 and 8 and add to initial population.
- 10
- Repeat Steps 1 through 9 for all sample High- and Low-Density SMSA categories.
- 11
- Determine the normal daytime work period population density and percent change for the five SMSA Region Categories using the relationships presented in Section 3.3.
- B.2
- Calculation Procedure for Determining Population Density and Percent Change for the Area Outside SMSAs

The average population density and percent change for the area outside the SMSAs during the normal daytime work period was estimated

from the following population and land area data:

1. estimated population density and total land area for each of the four region categories within the SMSAs,
2. approximate total U.S. population and land area

The data requirements identified in item 1 and 2 above were determined from the results presented in Section 3 of this study and Table 8 in Reference 2. Based on this data, it was estimated that the total population inside and outside the SMSAs during the normal daytime work period was 146.8 and 63.2 million people, respectively. The population outside the SMSAs was determined by subtracting the population inside the SMSAs (computed from region category population densities and land areas) from the total U.S. population. The approximate total land area outside the SMSAs was estimated to be 3.35 million square miles. Using the outside SMSA population and land area data, the average normal daytime work period population density and percent change were determined to be approximately 19 people per square mile and -5.7, respectively.

APPENDIX C

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DEVELOPMENT OF REVISED POPULATION DENSITY
VALUES BY CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE AND BY SMSA
REGION CATEGORY

This appendix presents a discussion of the procedure used to determine the revised population density values by construction site type and by SMSA region category.

C.1 Key Assumptions

In determining revised population density values, the following assumptions were made:

1. Each SMSA region category is composed of several basic land use categories, three of which are: 1) residential, 2) commercial, and 3) industrial.
2. Construction activities associated with the four site types considered in the noise impact model are performed in land use categories in accordance with the following:

<u>Construction Activity/ Site Type</u>	<u>Land Use Category</u>
Residential	Residential
Office/Public Service	Residential, Commercial, and Industrial
Industrial/Commercial	Industrial and Commercial
Public Works	Residential, Commercial, and Industrial

3. The baseline population density values (as defined in Section 3.1) for each SMSA region category were determined from the total residential population and total land area allocated to that category.
4. Transfer of population (workers) is primarily from the residential to the commercial and industrial land use categories.
5. Public works construction activities occur in all land use categories; the population density associated with the public works site types in a given SMSA region category is the average of the population densities associated with the other three site types.
6. Due to the relatively small change in the population density value for areas outside the SMSAs during the normal daytime work period (one person per sq.mi.), an average population density value is assigned to all land use categories in this region.

7. Percent changes in population density for all land use categories in the central cities and the SMSA areas outside the central cities are applicable to the same land use categories in the high- and low-density urban centers and the urban fringe and SMSA areas outside the urban fringe, respectively.

C.2 Data Development

Using data presented in Table 3-1 in Section 3.1 and Tables 34 and 36 in Reference 9, it was found that, for SMSAs of 250,000 or more¹, the number of employed workers represented approximately 38 and 39 percent of the total population living in the central cities and the SMSA areas outside the central cities, respectively. Since it is assumed that these workers live in the residential land use categories and transfer from this category to commercial and industrial land use categories, the percent change in residential population density for the central cities and the SMSA areas outside the central cities is proportional to the reductions in total residential population. The percent change in population density for the commercial and industrial land use categories is determined from the data presented in Table 3-2 in Section 3.4.1 for the region categories inside the SMSA. These data are assumed to be applicable to both land use categories where office/public service and industrial/commercial construction activities occur. It should be noted that although some office/public service sites are most likely located in residential land use categories, it is assumed that the major proportion of these site types are in commercial and industrial land use categories.

The percent change in population density for all land use categories in areas outside the SMSAs is -5.7. This value was determined from the population transfer analysis presented in Section 3.

Table C-1 presents a summary of the percent changes in baseline population density by site type and by SMSA region category.

¹ SMSAs of 250,000 or more represent approximately 90 percent of the total SMSA population.

Table C-1. PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION DENSITY BY CONSTRUCTION SITE TYPE AND BY SMSA REGION CATEGORY

Construction Site Type	SMSA Region Category				
	High-Density Urban Centers	Low-Density Urban Centers	Urban Fringe	SMSA Areas Outside the Urban Fringe	Outside SMSA
Residential	-38.0	-38.0	-39.0	-39.0	-5.7
Office/Public Service	+13.4	+ 8.4	- 0.4	- 8.1	-5.7
Industrial/Commercial	+13.4	+ 8.4	- 0.4	- 8.1	-5.7
Public Works	- 3.7	- 7.1	-13.3	-18.4	-5.7

APPENDIX D

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DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE ACTIVITY BY SITE TYPE
AND SURROUNDING POPULATION DENSITY

This appendix presents a complete listing of the data used to:

- compute mean census tract population density values by site type,
- derive relationships between duration of construction site activity and census tract population density by site type.

The data contained in the listing were developed from construction project records and census publications prepared by the Office of Research and Statistics (ORS) - Community Development Branch of Fairfax County, Virginia. The data listing contains 1,984 individual construction project records arrayed in accordance with the following format:

<u>Column No.</u>	<u>Description of Information</u>
1	Census Tract Population Density (people/sq.mi.). A zero in this column indicates that the population density value could not be determined from available data. Records with a zero in the population density column were not included in the population density analyses presented in Section 4.
2	Construction Site Type Identifier: 2 - Office/Public Service 3 - Industrial/Commercial 10 - Single-Family (Residential) 11 - Multi-Family (Residential) 12 - Town House (Residential)
3	Duration of Construction Site Activity (months).

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