

Reorganization of the Noise Pollution Control Section  
Ontario Ministry of Environment - November 29, 1982

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In June, 1982, the Ontario Deputy Minister of Environment announced a sweeping reorganization of the Ministry. The former Pollution Control Branch would disappear and its constituent Sections would be re-assigned to other Branches in the Ministry while the Noise Section staff and resources were to be split between two separate Divisions. The future roles of the two Noise Control staffs have now been resolved and the following changes will occur on November 29, 1982. Further staffing and role adjustments may follow.

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The noise policy staff will review policy and planning issues, liaise with other bodies, promote municipal responsibility for local noise control, develop standards and guidelines, promote technology transfer, and the training of municipal noise control officers and others. The role will be expanded to include the development of expertise in all forms of non-ionizing radiation defined in the Environmental Protection Act as contaminants of the natural environment.

The noise program delivery staff will liaise with technical staff in the Environmental Approvals and Project Engineering Branch and Ministry Regional Offices, provide technical comment and analysis of new projects, maintain legal standards and the test lab, investigate noise complaints and support enforcement.

The Ministry re-organization will considerably strengthen the Province's preventative planning capability, improve its ability to respond effectively to long term noise issues, enhance the technology transfer and training process, and provide increased opportunities for applied research by external consultants in areas affecting human health and welfare.

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