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## Background Information for JEPB Noise Variances

**The information below is provided to communicate items typically associated with the noise variance process. It contains information that is usually provided to assist the JEPB in their decision making, and it lists conditions that are normally associated with variances that are granted.**

Information provided by applicants that will be used in the decision-making process for approval of the noise variance:

1. A complete application which includes as much information as possible. The Noise Variance fee of \$2,488 must accompany the application for it to be complete.
2. The variance application will be considered first by the JEPB's Air & Odor Committee and then by the full board. During those hearings, a presentation by the applicant is required. The presentation should include the following information:
  - a. The noise level (dBA) being sought and the duration of the variance (modeling can assist in showing the need for the level being sought)
  - b. A description of the activity to take place, including equipment to be used
  - c. If possible, a site map outlining:
    - i. project site location and equipment placement
    - ii. all surrounding Class A & Class B properties to be impacted
    - iii. noise levels (dBA) anticipated at those properties during the hours requested
  - d. Noise mitigation steps to be taken, including noise monitoring to be conducted.

Should the noise variance be approved by the JEPB, the conditions typically included are listed below. They are provided so that applicants can be aware, in advance, of requirements usually associated with a noise variance:

- (a) The variance application and commitments therein shall be adopted and incorporated as part of the conditions of the variance.
- (b) The variance will establish a maximum noise level (dBA) during the hours approved.

- (c) A monthly status report of the construction project is to be provided to the Air & Odor Committee via [epb@coj.net](mailto:epb@coj.net). The report shall include:
  - a. Number of citizen complaints and any plan for remediation or corrective action in response to residents' complaints.
  - b. The number of exceedances of the dBA level granted and any remediation actions taken.
  - c. Project progress, including substantial changes
- (d) A community outreach plan, to include a 24-hour contact number for citizen complaints, will be devised and implemented.
- (e) In some cases, there may be a requirement for the petitioner to conduct noise monitoring during some duration of the project.
- (f) Petitioner shall ensure that sound measures be performed in accordance with the existing EPB Rule 4.
- (g) Additional conditions may be added by the JEPB which will be specific to the project