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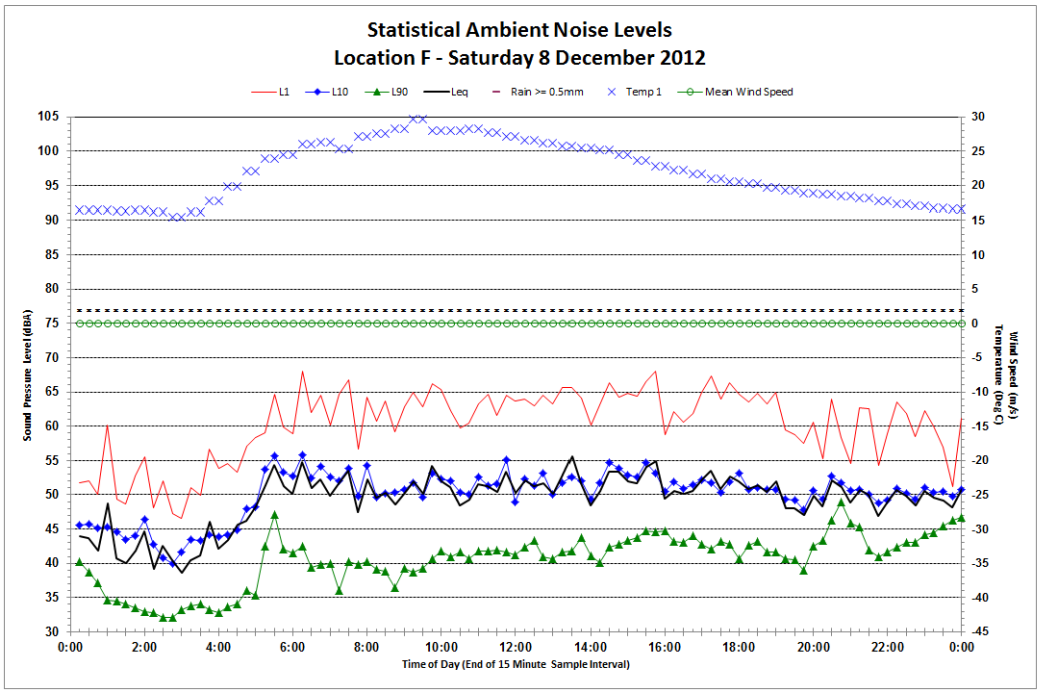

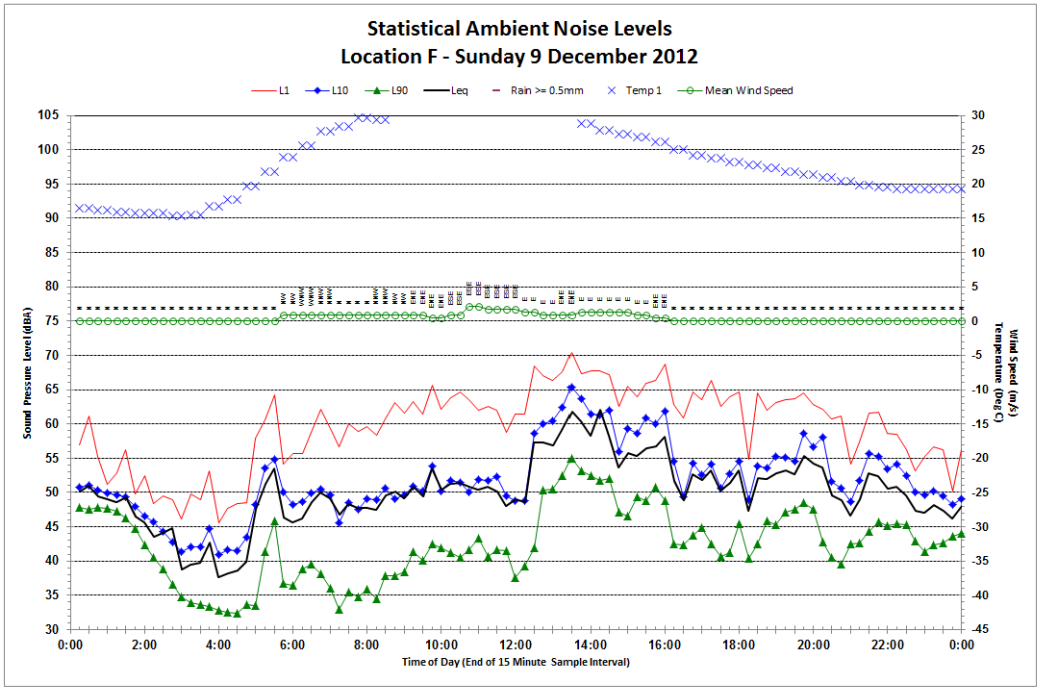

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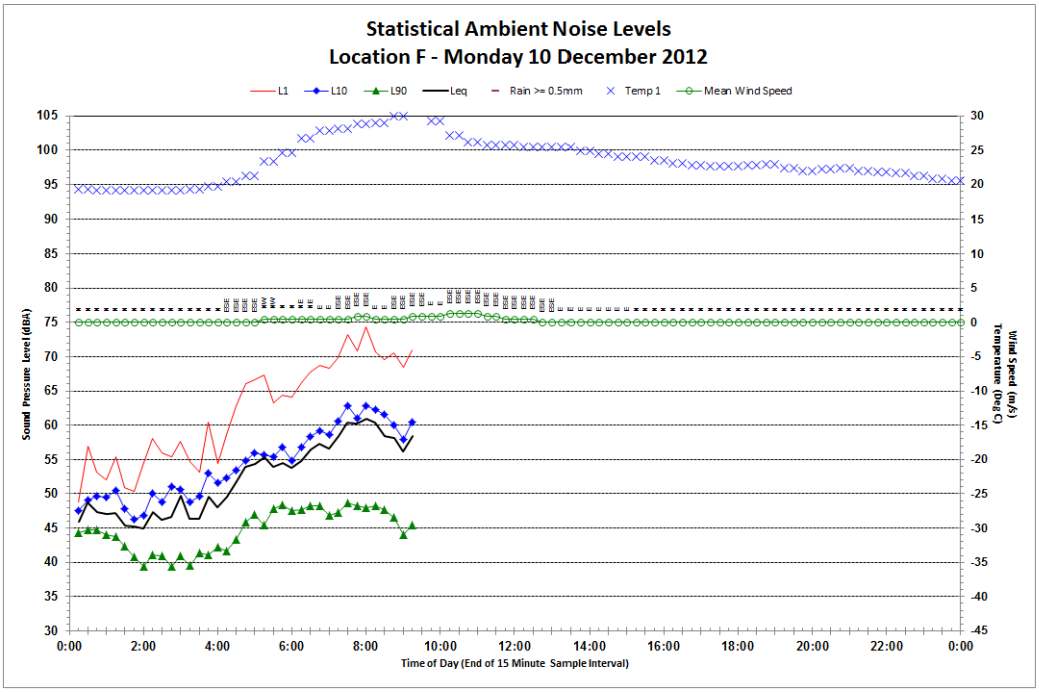

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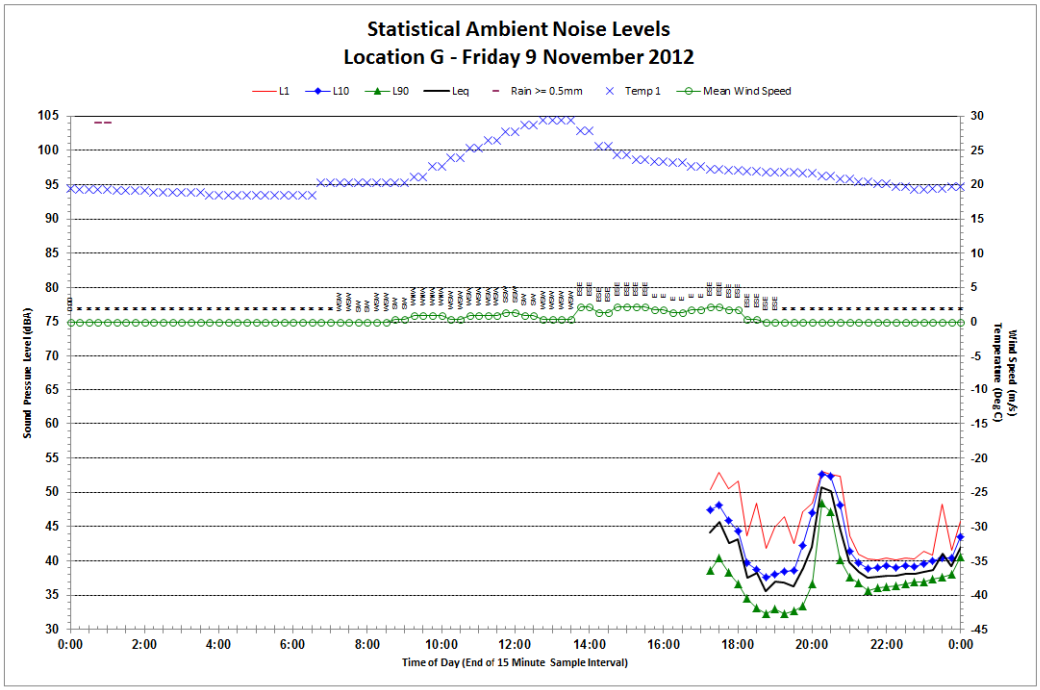

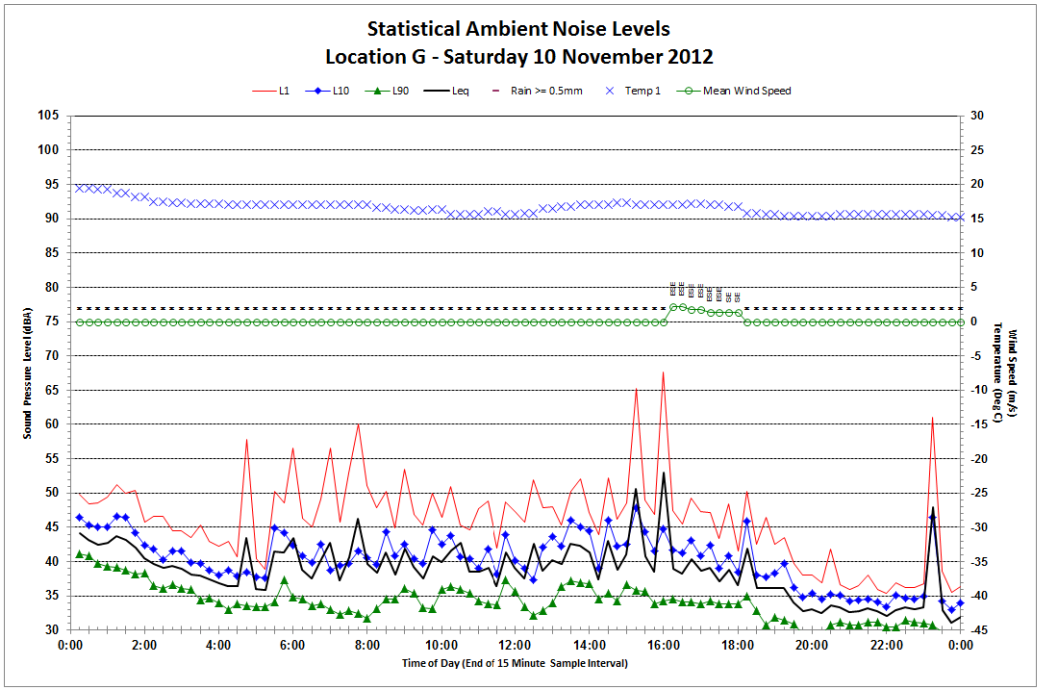

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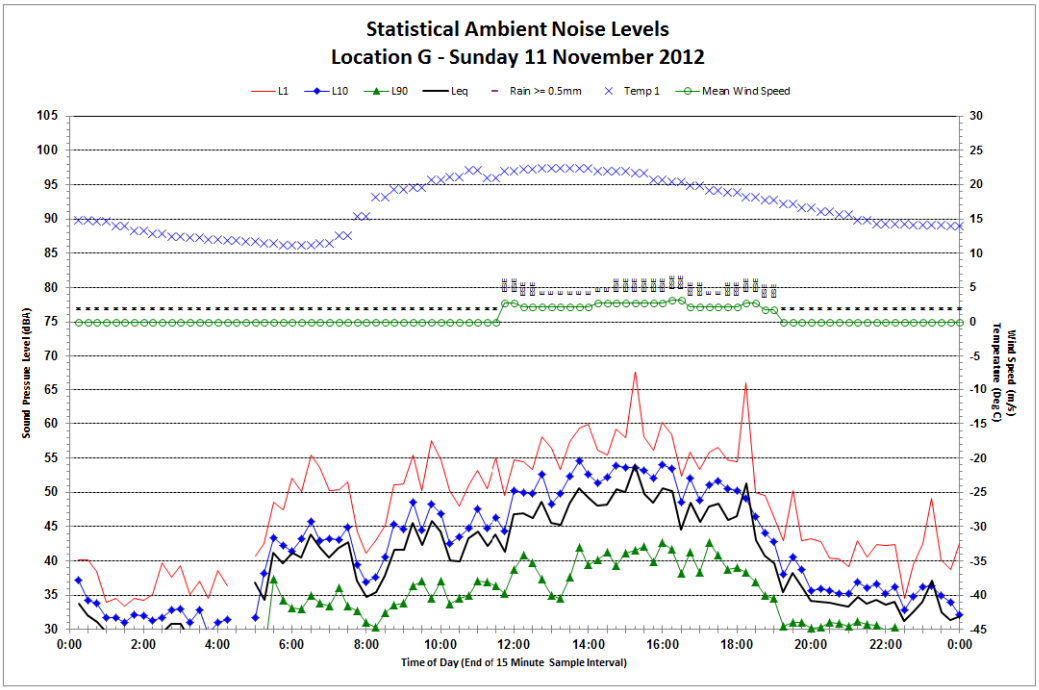

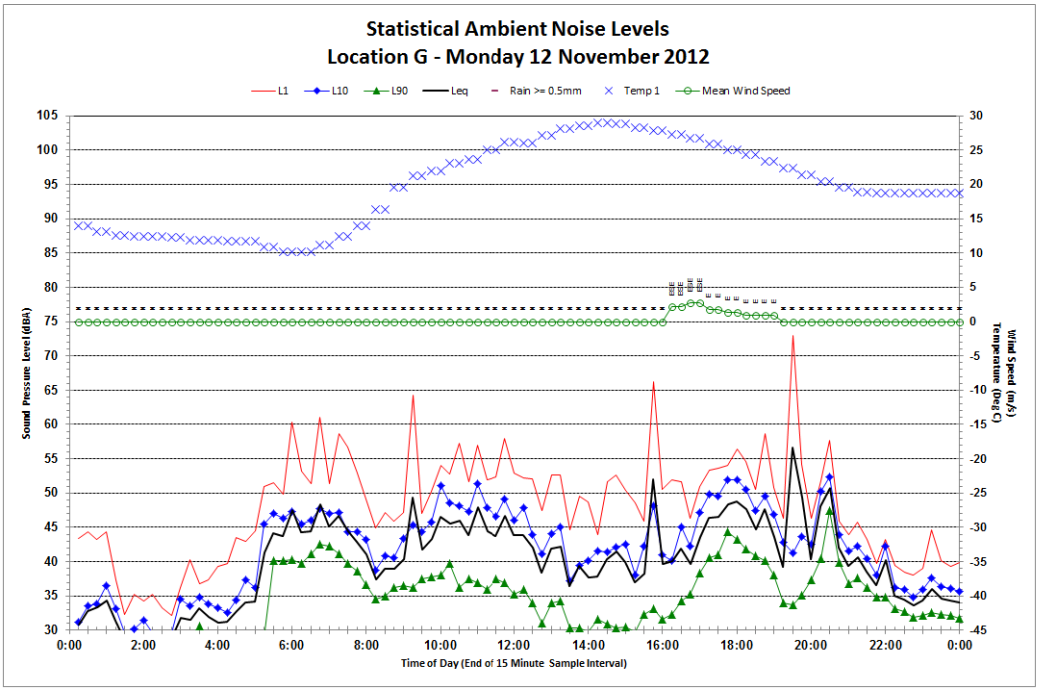

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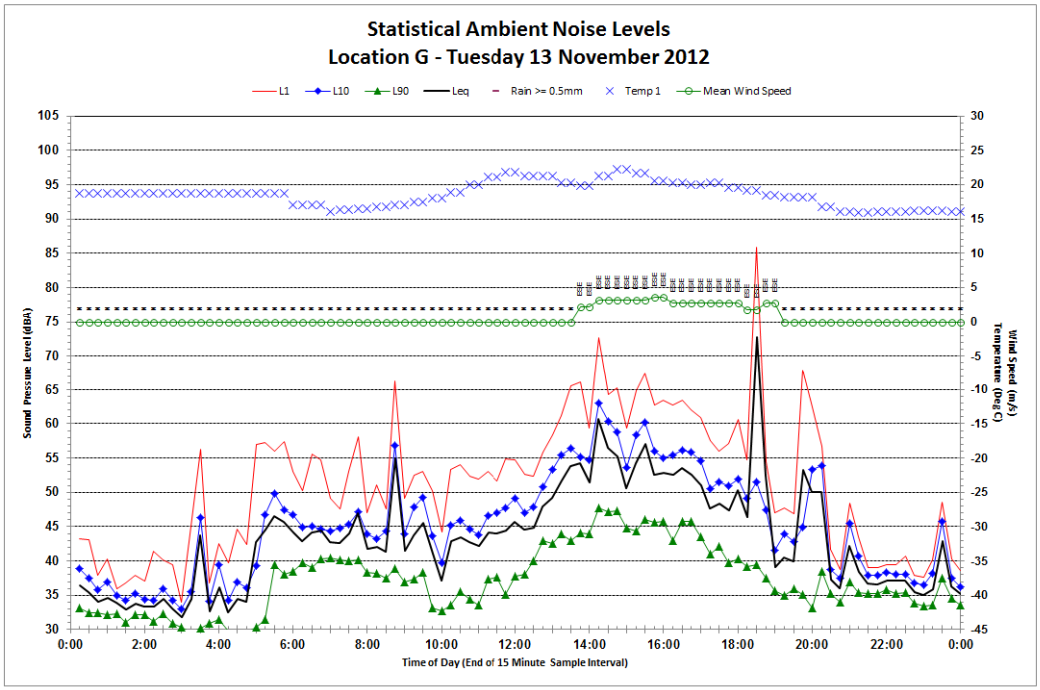

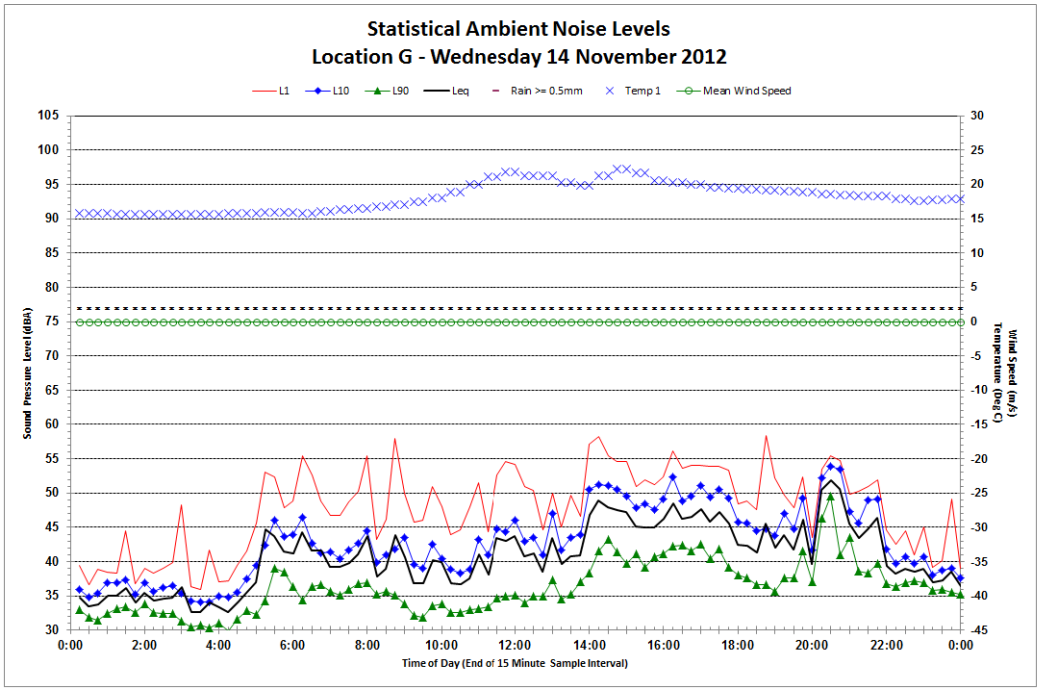

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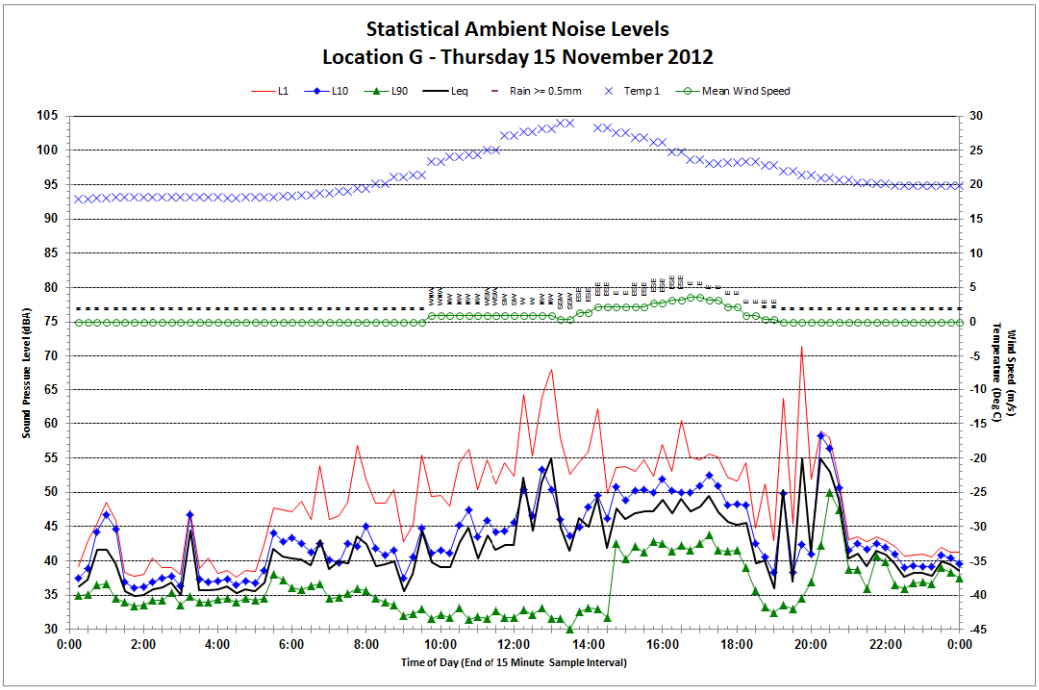

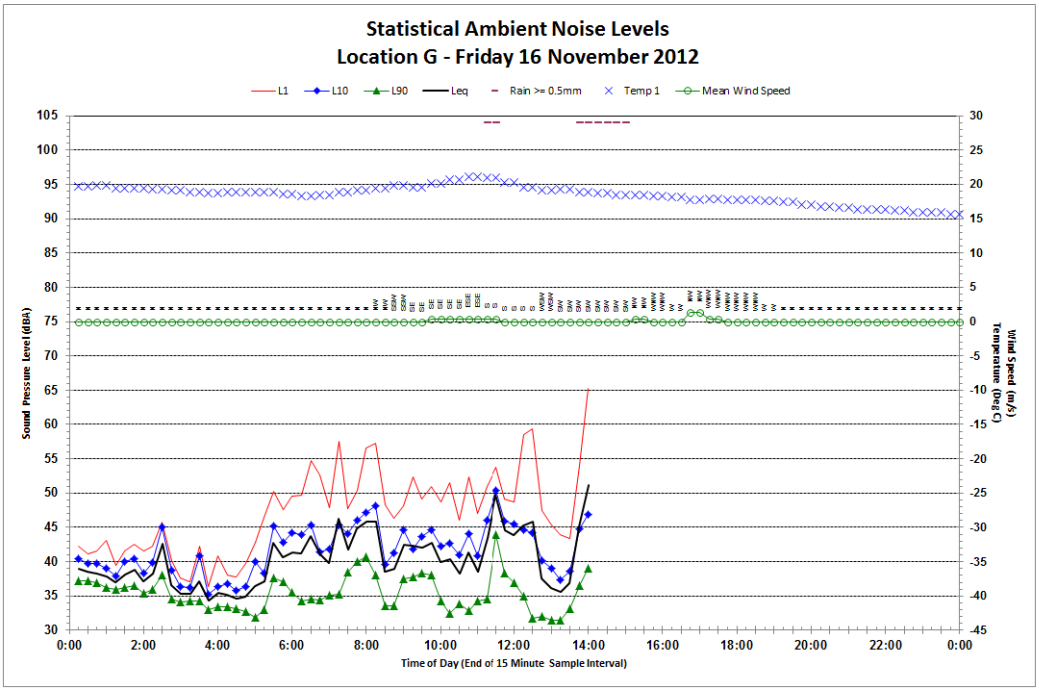

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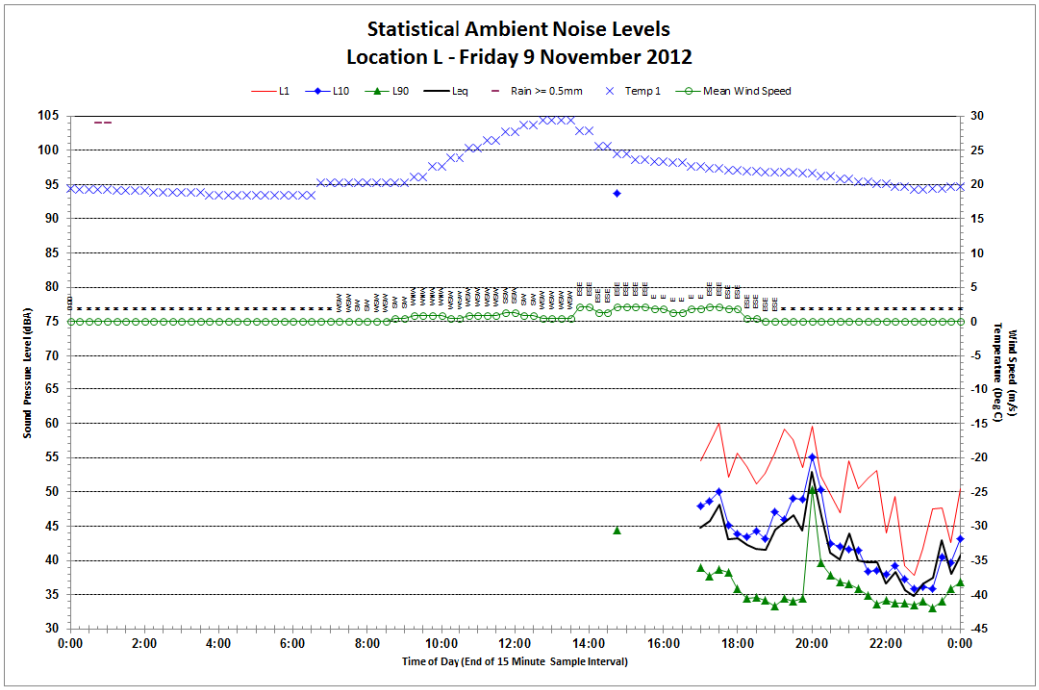

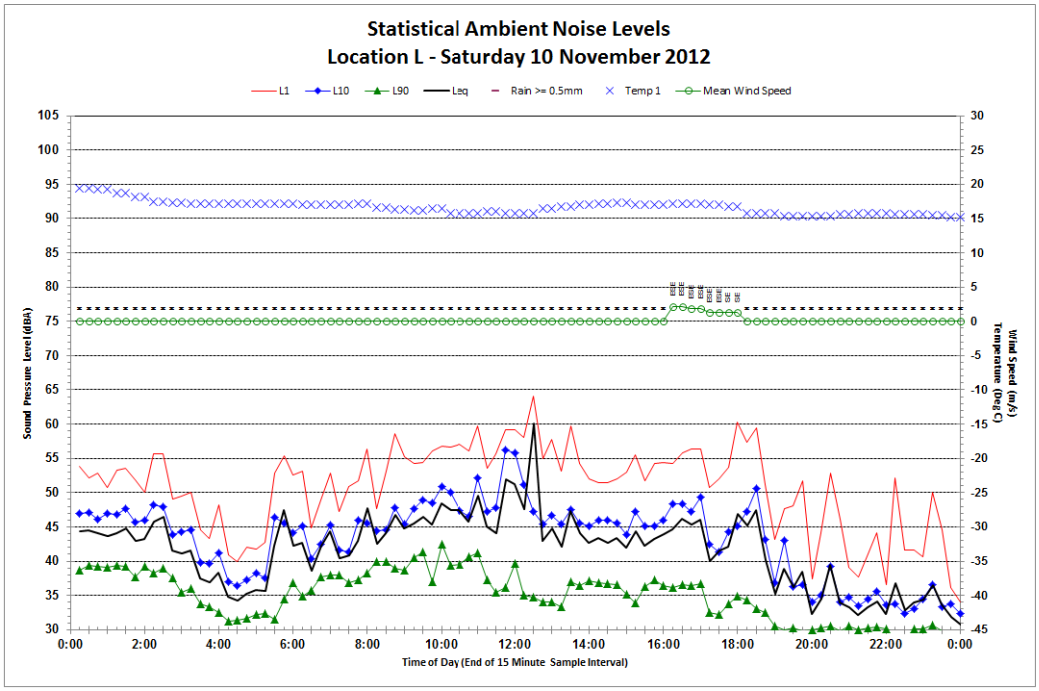

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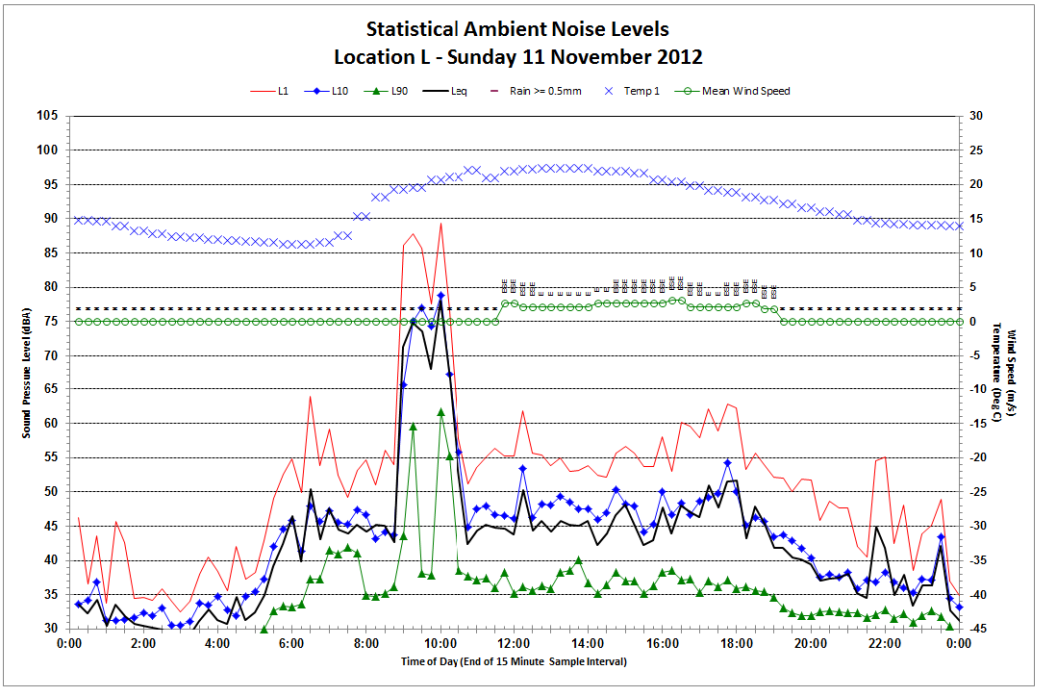

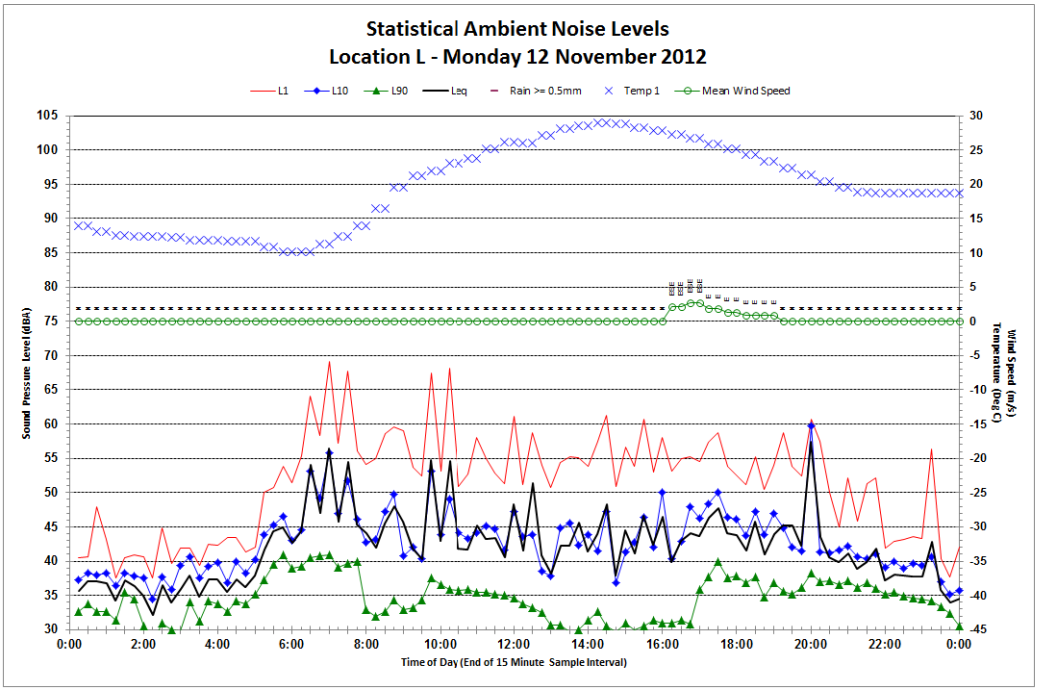

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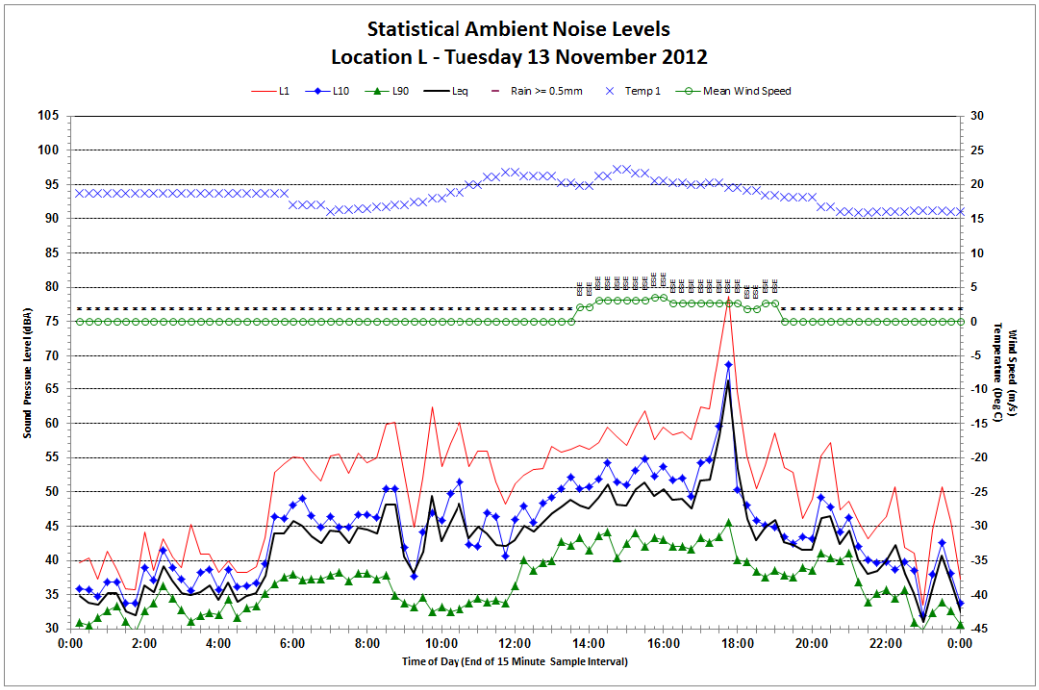

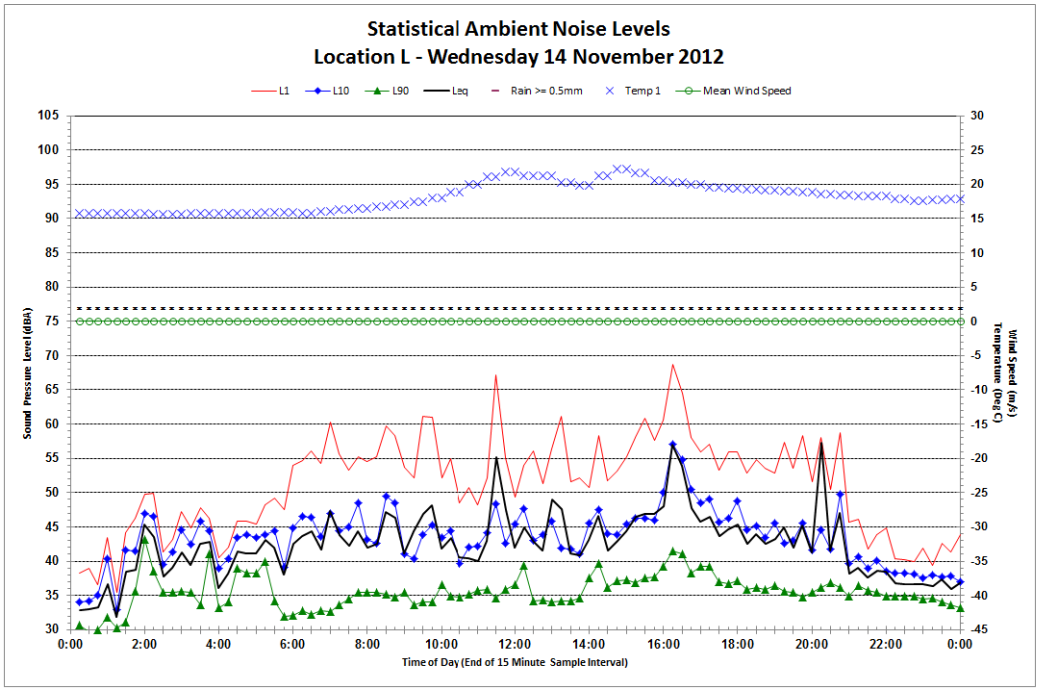

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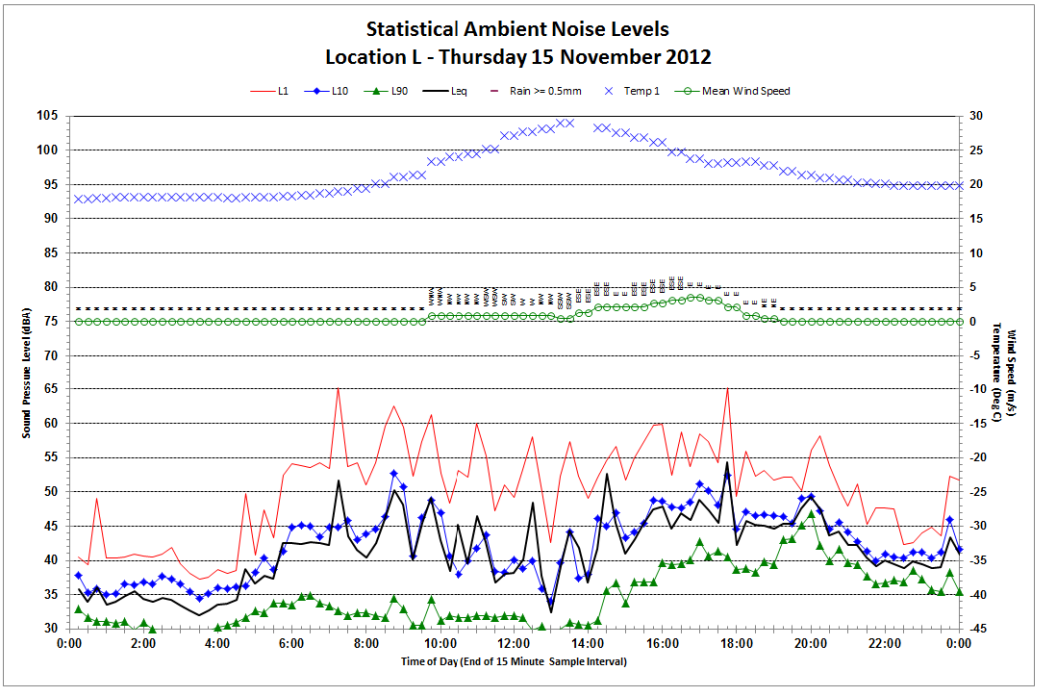

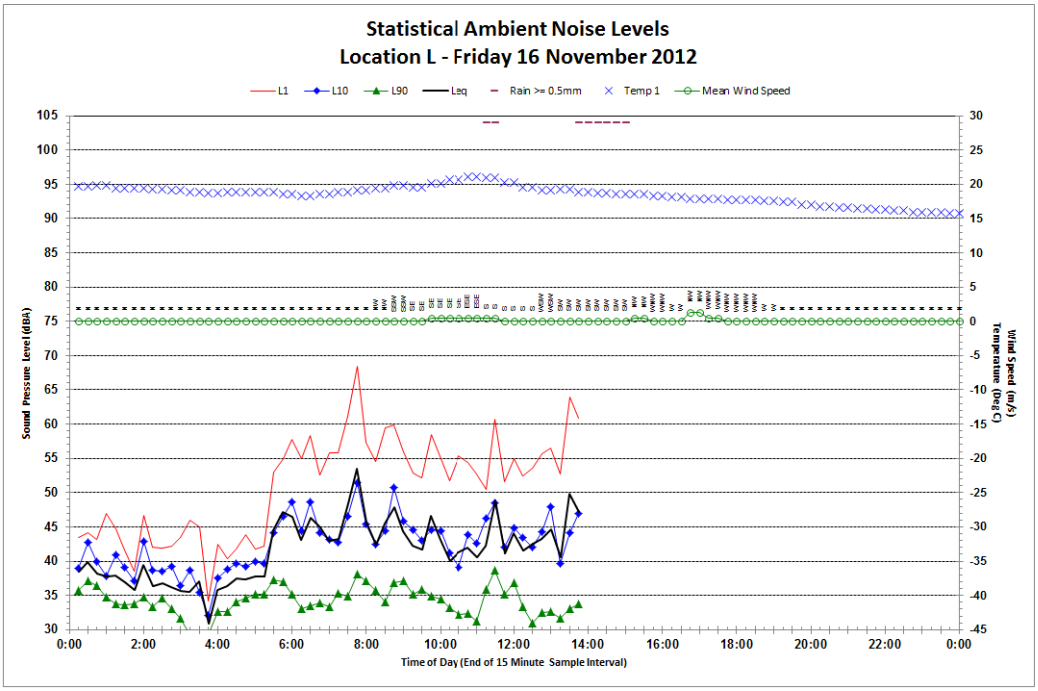

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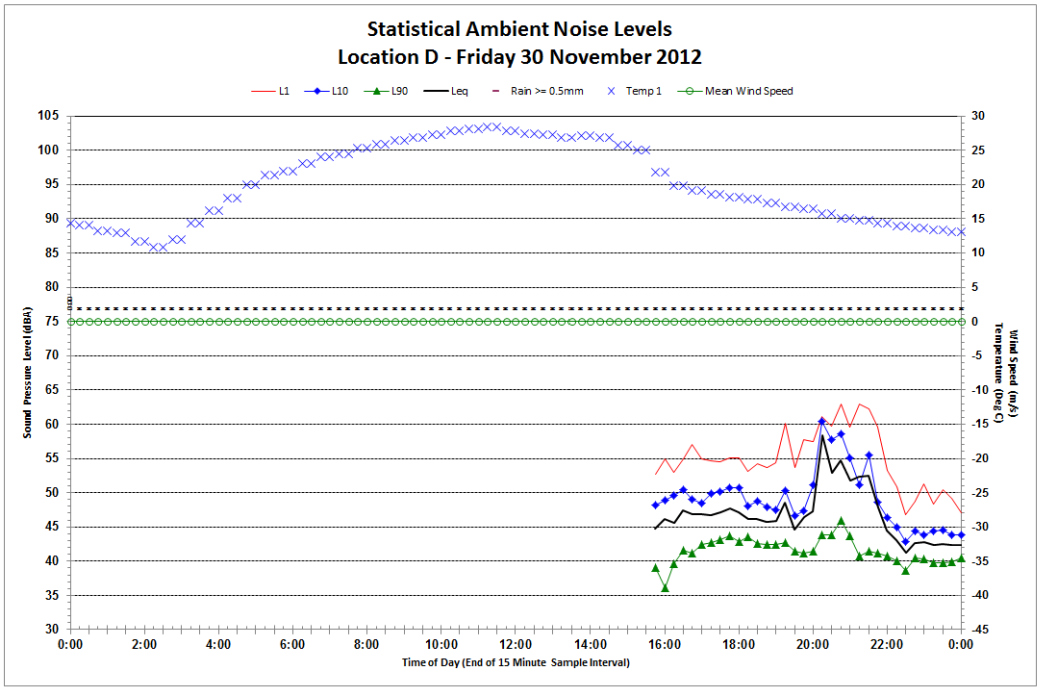

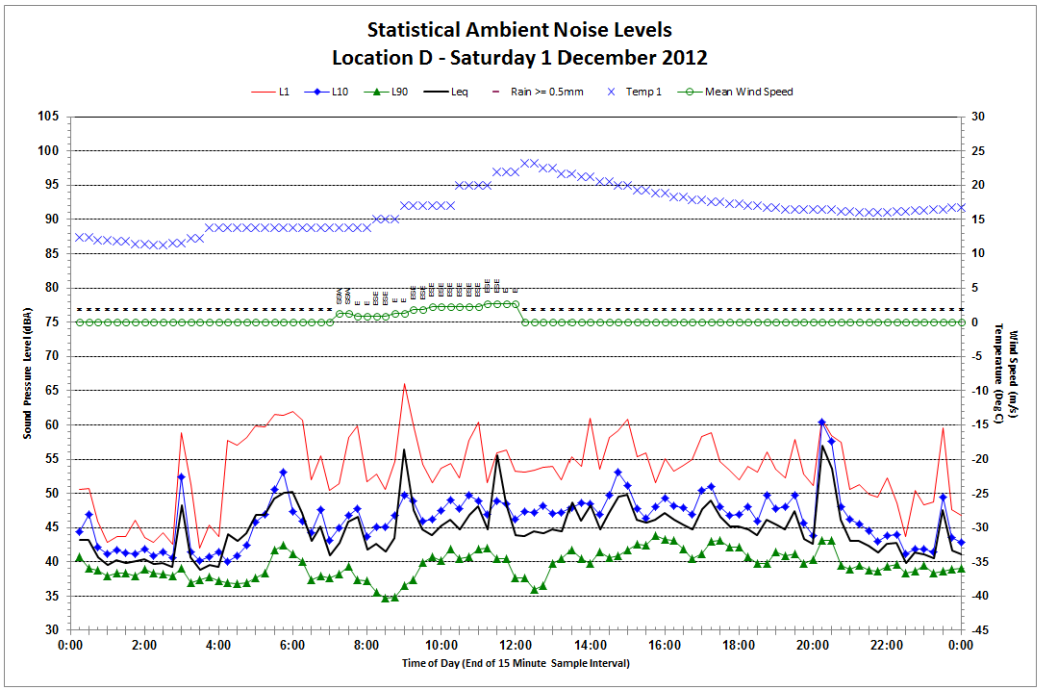

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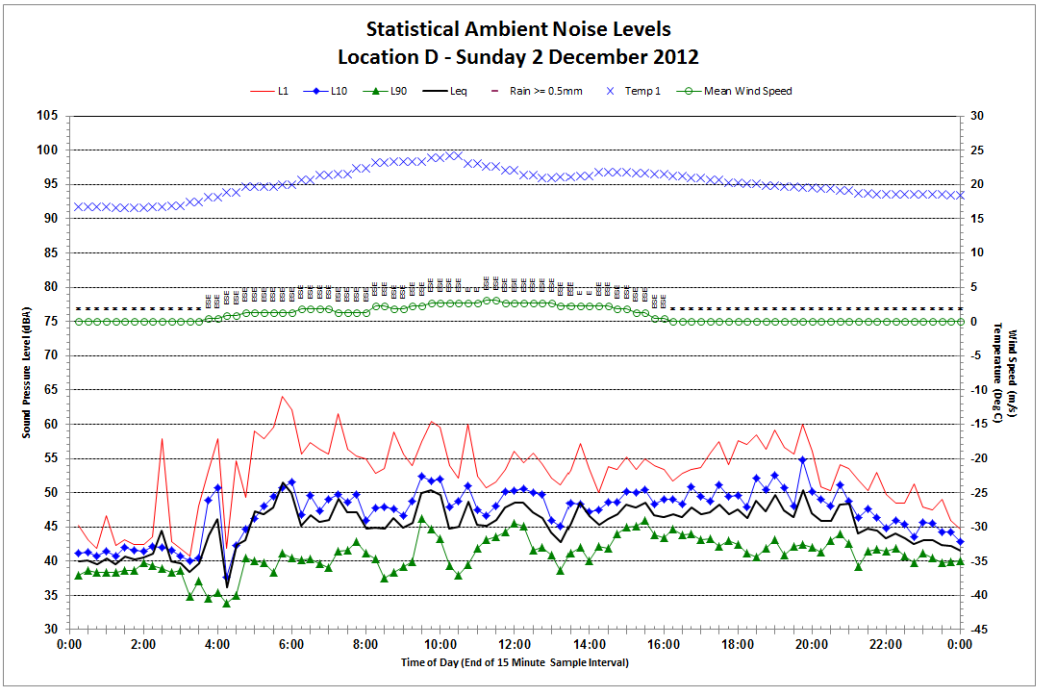

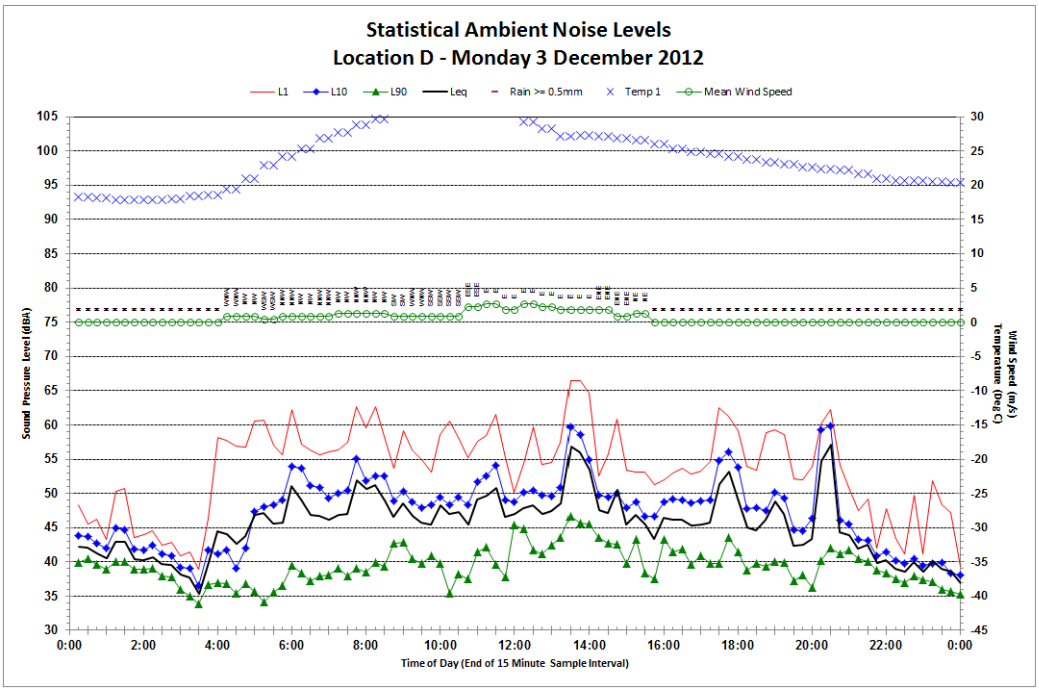

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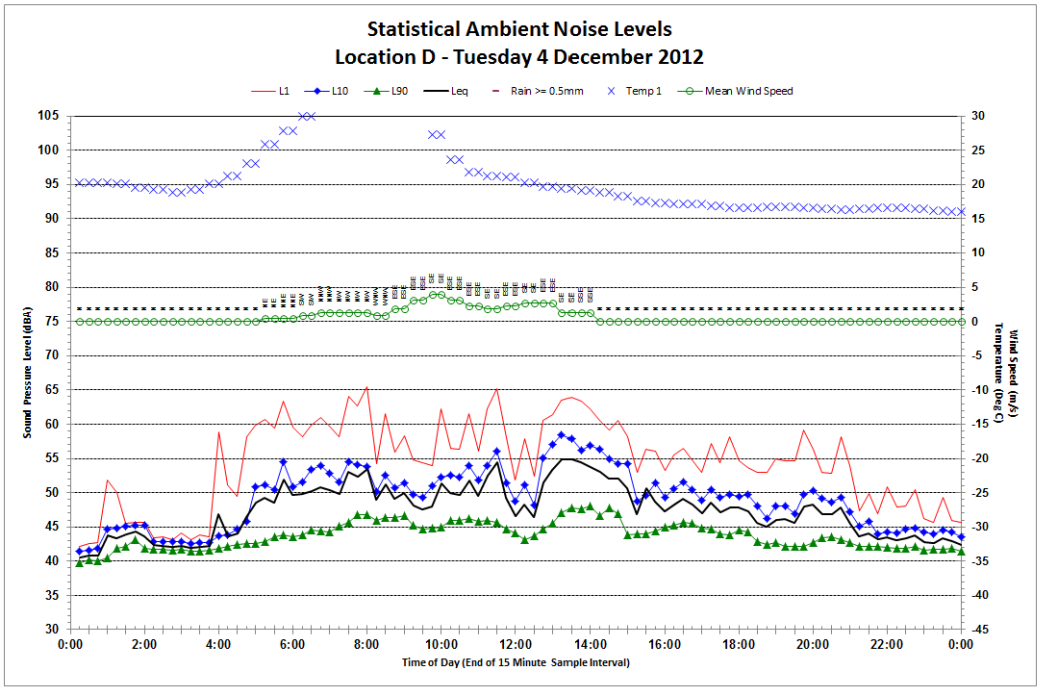

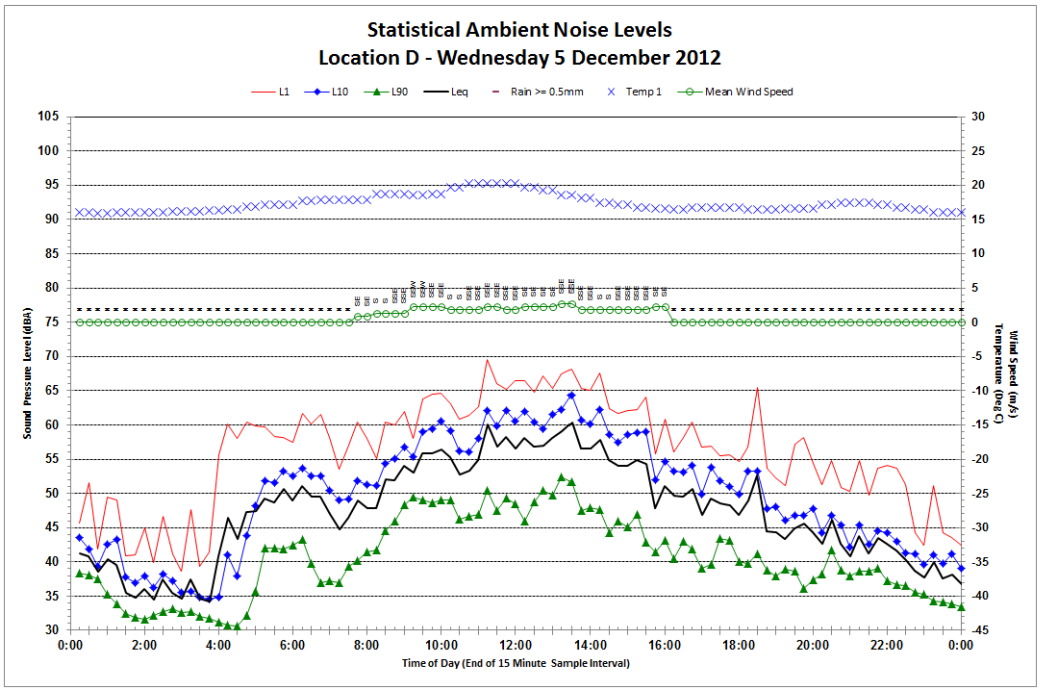

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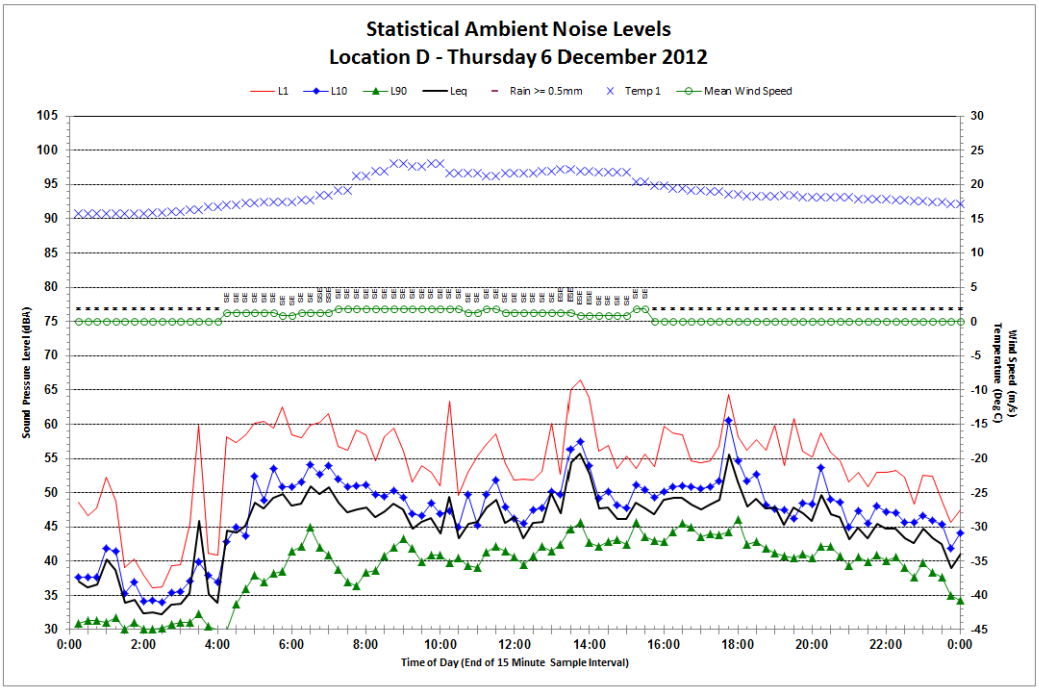

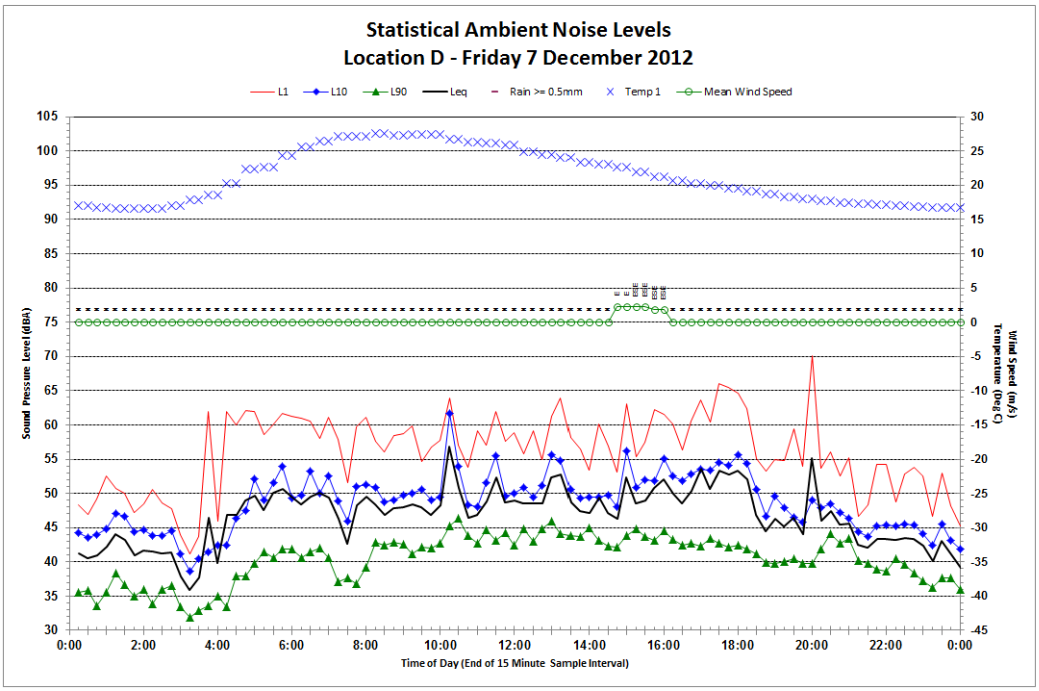

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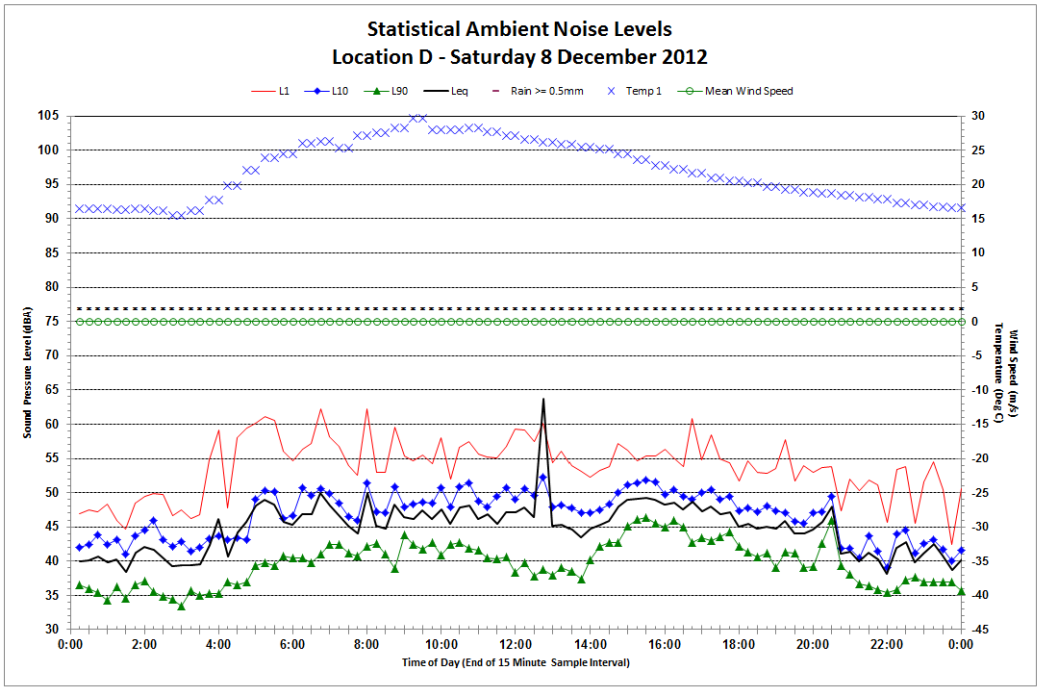

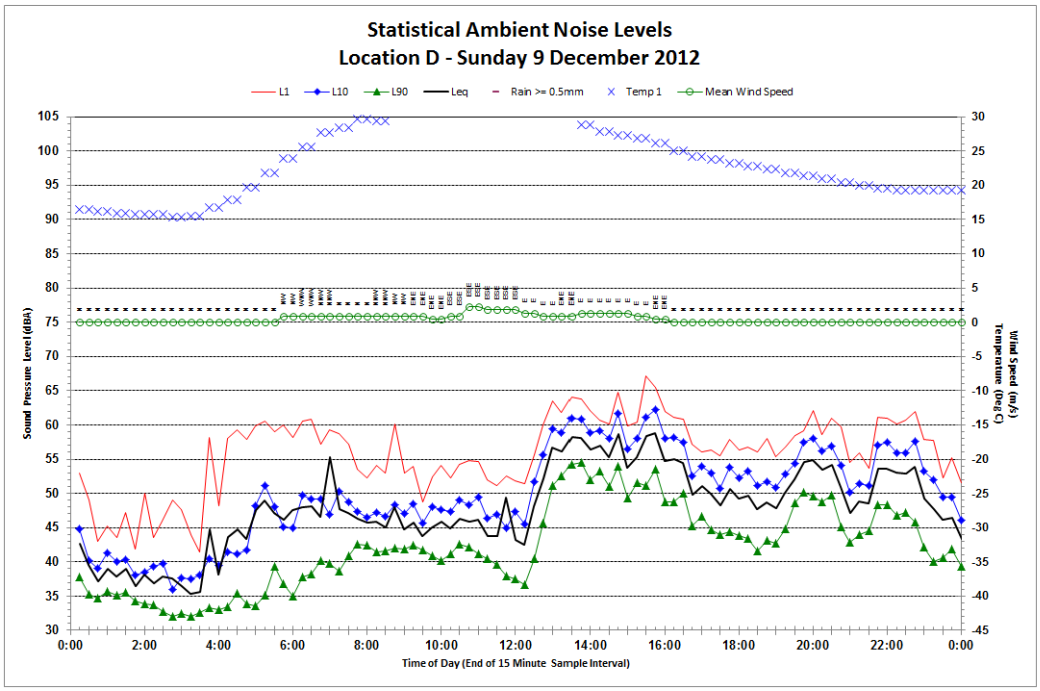

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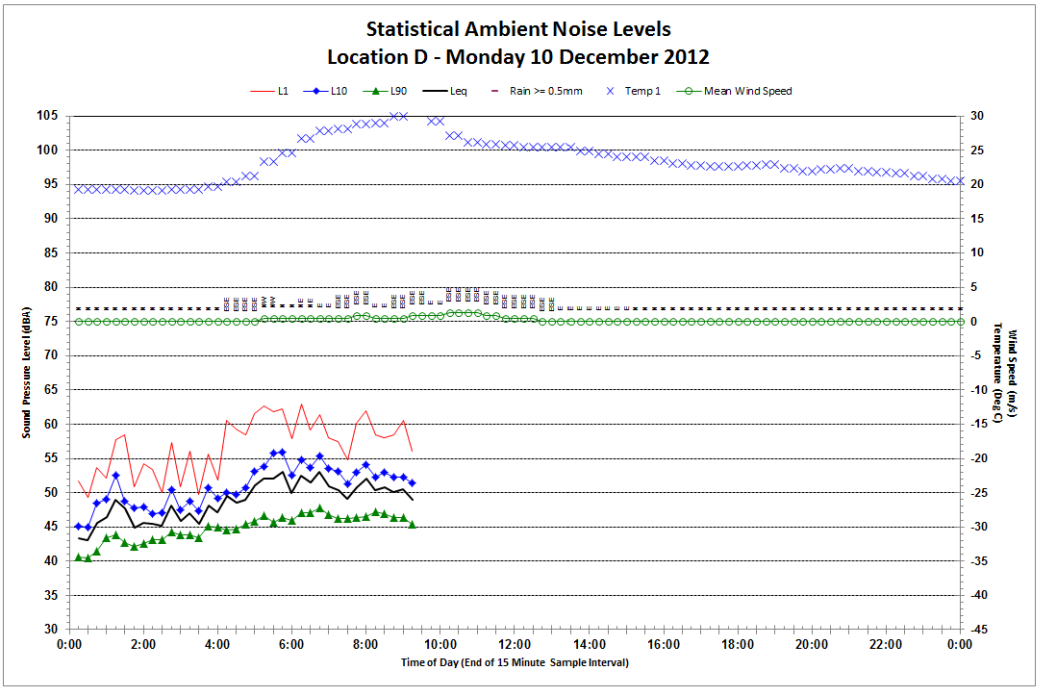

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Development consent was obtained by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd for the Donaldson Mine in October 1999 following a Commission of Inquiry. Development Consent number N97/00147 was issued by the Minister for Urban Affairs pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Project Approval (Application No. 05_0136) granted by the Minister of Planning was obtained by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd for Abel Coal Mine in 2008.

Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd has commissioned SLR Consulting Pty Ltd (SLR) to conduct quarterly noise monitoring surveys for the Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine in accordance with the Abel Mine Project Noise Monitoring Program, dated 27 May 2008.

The objectives of the noise monitoring survey for this operating quarter were as follows:

- Measure the ambient noise levels at five (5) focus receptor locations (potentially worst affected) surrounding Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine.
- Qualify all sources of noise within each of the attended surveys, including estimated contribution or maximum level of individual noise sources.
- Assess the noise emissions of Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine with respect to the limits contained in the Development Consent.

2 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AND PROJECT APPROVAL

2.1 Donaldson Coal Mine Development Consent Conditions

The Development Consent nominates hours of operation and mine noise emission goals in the Sections entitled "*Operation of Development, Condition No. 3(1) and 3(2)*", and "*Noise and Vibrational Noise Limits: Condition No. 15*" as follows:

"3.(1) Subject to (2) the approved hours of operation are as follows:

Works	*Period*	*Hours*
Construction, including construction of any bunds	*Monday to Friday* *Saturday*	*7 am to 6 pm* *8 am to 1 pm*
Mining operations, including mining, haulage of waste to dumps and coal processing	*Monday to Friday* *Saturday, Sunday*	*24 hours per day* *7 am to 6 pm*
Road Transportation and stockpiling of coal	*7 days per week*	*24 hours per day*
Rail loading of coal	*7 days per week*	*7 am to 10 pm*
Maintenance of mobile and fixed plant	*7 days per week*	*24 hours per day*
Blasting, not involving closure of John Renshaw Drive	*Monday to Saturday*	*7 am to 5 pm*
Blasting, involving closure of John Renshaw Drive	*Monday to Saturday*	*10 am to 2 pm*

Notes: Restrictions on Public Holidays are the same as Sundays

(2) The Applicant shall submit a report to the Director-General's satisfaction demonstrating the noise limits in Condition 15 can be met while rail loading of coal is occurring during the period from 6 pm to 10 pm. If that report does not demonstrate that the noise limits can be met to the Director-General's satisfaction, then the hours of operation for rail loading of coal shall be restricted to 7 am to 6 pm."

15. Unless subject to a negotiated agreement in accordance with Condition 23, the Applicant shall ensure that the noise emission from construction or mining operations, when measured or computed at the boundary of any dwelling not owned by the applicant (or within 30 metres of the dwelling, if the boundary is more that 30 metres from the dwelling), shall not exceed the following noise limits:

Location	$L_{A10(15minute)}$ Noise Limits (dBA)	
	Daytime	Night-time
Beresfield area (residential)	45	35
Steggles Poultry Farm	50	40
Ebenezer Park Area	46	41
Black Hill Area	40	38
Buchanan and Louth Park Area	38	36
Ashtonfield Area	41	35
Thornton Area	48	40

Note: Daytime is 7 am to 10 pm Monday-Saturday, and 8 am to 10 pm Sundays and Public Holidays. Night-time is 10 pm to 7 am Monday-Saturday, and 10 pm to 8 am Sundays and Public Holidays.

The noise limits apply for prevailing meteorological conditions (winds up to 3 m/s), except under conditions of temperature inversions."

Other Conditions of Consent relevant to noise are as follows:

"18. The applicant shall survey and investigate noise reduction measures from plant and equipment and set targets for noise reduction in each Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR), taking into consideration valid noise complaints received in the previous year. The Report shall also include remedial measures.

19. The Applicant shall revise the Noise Management Plan as necessary and provide an updated Plan five years after commencement of mining to the Director-General, the independent noise expert (Condition 48), EPA, Councils and the Community Consultative Committee."

2.2 Abel Coal Mine – Project Approval

Approved Operations

The following operations are approved under the Abel Colliery Project Approval:

- Extraction of up to 4.5 Mtpa of ROM coal from the Abel Underground Coal Mine by bord and pillar methods.
- Transport coal to the existing Bloomfield CHPP by private haul roads.
- Operate the Bloomfield CHPP to process coal extracted from the Abel Coal Mine and the Bloomfield and Donaldson Coal Mines.
- Transportation of product coal from the Bloomfield site by rail via the Bloomfield rail loading facility.

The PA was modified in June 2010 (05_0136 MOD 1) allowing construction and operation of a downcast ventilation fan. In May 2011 the PA was modified again (05_0136 MOD 2) to allow the construction and operation of an upcast ventilation fan (and associated facilities).

Consent Conditions

The relevant conditions relating to noise from the Abel Coal Mine approval are reproduced below.

Schedule 4

NOISE

Note: These conditions should be read in conjunction with section 3 of the Statement of Commitments.

Noise Limits

23 The Proponent shall ensure that the noise generated by the Project does not exceed at any privately-owned residence the levels set out in the following table for the monitoring location nearest that residence.

Table 1: Noise limits dB(A)

Day	Evening	Night		
LAeq(15 minutes)	LAeq(15 minutes)	LAeq(15 minutes)	LA1(1 minute)	Location and Locality*
50	48	41	51	**A** Weakleys Dr, Beresfield
50	48	41	51	**B** Yarrum Rd, Beresfield
43	44	38	50	**C** Phoenix Rd, Black Hill
41	40	36	46	**D** Black Hill School
41	40	36	46	**E** Brown Rd, Black Hill
41	40	36	46	**F** Black Hill Rd, Black Hill
43	41	36	46	**G** Buchanan Rd, Buchanan
43	41	36	46	**H** Mt Vincent Rd, Louth Park
44	46	38	48	**I** Lord Howe Dr, Ashtonfield
49	47	40	50	**J** Kilarney St, Avalon Estate
41	40	37	46	**K** Catholic Diocese (Former Bartter) K1, K2, K3
46	46	40	53	**L** Kilshanny Ave, Ashtonfield

Notes:

- *To determine compliance with the LAeq(15 minute) limit, noise from the project is to be measured at the most affected point within the residential boundary, or at the most affected point within 30 metres of a dwelling (rural situations) where the dwelling is more than 30 metres from the boundary. Where it can be demonstrated that direct measurement of noise from the development is impractical, the DECC may accept alternative means of determining compliance (see Chapter 11 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy). The modification factors in Section 4 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy shall also be applied to the measured noise levels where applicable.*
- *To determine compliance with the LA1(1 minute) limit, noise from the project is to be measured at 1 metre from the dwelling façade. Where it can be demonstrated that direct measurement of noise from the project is impractical, the DECC may accept alternative means of determining compliance (see Chapter 11 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy).*
- *These limits apply under the relevant meteorological conditions outlined in the assessment procedures in Chapter 5 of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.*

- *These limits do not apply if the Proponent has an agreement with the relevant owner/s of these residences to generate higher noise levels, and the Proponent has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.*

* Revised to list alphabetically

Noise Monitoring

24. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Noise Monitoring Program for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This program must:

(a) be submitted to the Director-General for approval within 6 months of this approval;

(b) be prepared in consultation with the DECC; and

(c) use a combination of attended and unattended monitoring measures to monitor the performance of the project.

2.2.1 Statement of Commitments

3.3 Monitoring

Within 6 months of this approval being granted a Noise Monitoring Program shall be prepared and implemented for the Abel Underground Mine and the Bloomfield CHPP, to the satisfaction of the Director-General. The Noise Monitoring Program shall include a combination of real-time and supplementary attended monitoring measures, and a noise monitoring protocol for evaluating compliance with the noise environmental assessment. This plan will be integrated with the monitoring plans for the Tasman, Donaldson and Bloomfield Mines to provide a single integrated Noise Monitoring Program for all 4 mines.

3 PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 General Requirements

The operational noise monitoring program was conducted with reference to Development Consent N97/00147 (Donaldson Coal Mine), Project Approval 05_0136 (Abel Coal Mine), and in accordance with Heggies Report 30-1409-R2 dated 27 May 2008 (*Abel Mine Project Noise Monitoring Program)* and AS 1055-1997 "*Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise*".

3.2 Monitoring Locations

Baseline and preceding operational quarterly surveys have been conducted at 11 locations surrounding the Donaldson Mine and Abel Coal Mine sites. With the experience of these previous surveys, it was decided to concentrate noise monitoring at five (5) focus locations that represent the potentially most noise affected areas from Donaldson Mine and Abel Coal Mine during the March 2013 Quarter. The details of the monitoring locations are contained within **Table 1**.

Table 1 Monitoring Locations

Noise Monitoring Location	Description
A	98 Weakleys Drive, Beresfield
D	Black Hill School, Black Hill
F	Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill
G	156 Buchannan Road, Buchannan
L	17 Kilshanny Ave, Ashtonfield

A map giving the approximate location of the noise monitoring sites is contained within **Appendix A**.

3.3 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring

Environmental noise loggers were deployed for approximately a seven (7) day period between 9 February 2013 and 4 March 2013 at each of the five (5) nominated locations given in **Table 1**. All unattended monitoring equipment was programmed to continuously record statistical noise level indices in 15 minute intervals including the L_{Amax}, L_{A1}, L_{A10}, L_{A90}, L_{A99}, L_{Amin} and L_{Aeq}. The statistical noise exceedance levels (L_{AN}) are the levels exceeded for N% of the 15 minute interval. The L_{A90} represents the level exceeded for 90% of the interval period and is referred to as the average minimum or background noise level. The L_{A10} is the level exceeded for 10% of the time and is usually referred to as the average maximum noise level. The L_{Aeq} is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level and represents the steady sound level which is equal in energy to the fluctuating level over the interval period. The L_{Amax} is the maximum noise level recorded over the interval. Instrument calibration was conducted before and after each measurement survey, with the variation in calibrated levels not exceeding ±0.5 dBA.

3.4 Operator Attended Noise Monitoring

Operator attended surveys were conducted at each of the five (5) monitoring locations during daytime, evening and night-time periods, to verify the unattended logging results and to determine the character and contribution of ambient noise sources.

3.5 Equipment Operation

The mobile equipment operating on the Donaldson Mine site during the survey period are contained in **Appendix B**.

During the survey period the following operations were being undertaken:

- Mining continued in Strips 7 & 8 with waste being transferred to the West Pit.
- Work continued in the eastern pit on the spreading and shaping of top soil.
- The grader and water cart was working on the surface during the reporting period, as required.

The only surface equipment operating on the Abel Coal Mine site during the survey periods was a ventilation fan and the Bloomfield Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP).

4 OPERATOR ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING

4.1 Results of Operator Attended Monitoring

Operator attended noise measurements were conducted during the daytime on Wednesday 20 February 2013 and Monday 25 February 2013, during the evening on Monday 4 March 2013 and during the night-time on Monday 4 March 2013 and 5 March 2013. Daytime operator attended noise surveys were conducted using a Brüel & Kjær 2270 Type 1, integrating sound level meter (s/n: 2679354). Evening and night-time operator attended noise surveys were conducted using a SVAN 957 Type 1, integrating sound level meter (s/n 27580).

Results of the operator attended noise measurements are given in **Table 2** to **Table 6**. Ambient noise levels given in the tables include all noise sources such as traffic, insects, birds, and mine operations as well as any other industrial operations.

The tables provide the following information:

- Monitoring location.
- Date & start time.
- Wind velocity (m/s) and Temperature (°C) at the measurement location.
- Typical maximum (L_{Amax}) and contributed noise levels.

Mine contributions listed in the tables are from Donaldson Mine and Abel Coal Mine and are stated only when a contribution could be quantified.

Table 2 Location A, Weakleys Drive, Beresfield

Date/Start Time/Weather	Measurement Description	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission and Typical Maximum Levels LAmax – dBA
		LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
20/02/2013 14:31 W = 1-2m/s SE Temp = 28°C Cloud cover = 5/8	Daytime Ambient	63	60	57	52	55	Birds ~ 53 Traffic ~ 53 to 60 Insects ~ 46 Other Industry ~ 48 to 63
		Donaldson mine ~ inaudible.					
04/03/2013 20:14 W = 1 m/s E Temp = 21°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Evening Ambient	87	79	71	58	68	Local Traffic ~ 69 to 87 Insects ~ 59 to 61
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
05/03/2012 00:22 W = 0.5 -1 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Night-time Ambient	84	79	68	45	66	Insects ~ 45 to 48 Traffic ~ 72 to 84
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible.					

Table 3 Location F, Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill

Date/Start Time/Weather	Measurement Description	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission and Typical Maximum Levels LAmax – dBA
		LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
25/02/2013 17:20 W = 1.5 m/s NE Temp = 32°C Cloud cover = 7/8	Daytime Ambient	82	75	61	50	61	JRD Traffic ~ 57 to 71 Insects ~ 50 Birds ~ 59 to 64 Local Traffic ~ 76 to 82 Frogs ~ 47
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
04/03/2013 18:11 W = <1-2 m/s E Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 7/8	Evening Ambient	80	73	58	44	59	Black Hill Road Traffic ~ 73 to 80 JRD Traffic ~ 53 to 67 Insects/Frogs ~ 40 Trees rustling ~ 43 Birds ~ 48 to 62 Plane ~ 52 Donaldson Trucks ~ 36
		Estimated Donaldson LAeq Contribution ~ 36 dBA					
05/03/2013 00:03 W = 0.5 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Night-time Ambient	57	55	53	48	51	Insects ~ 48 to 53 JRD Traffic ~ 57 Dozers/Trucks - <38 to 48
		Estimated Donaldson LAeq Contribution ~ 39 dBA					

Table 4 Location G, 156 Buchannan Road, Buchannan

Date/Start Time/Weather	Measurement Description	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission and Typical Maximum Levels LAmax – dBA
		LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
20/02/2013 13:42 W = 1-3 m/s E Temp = 28°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Daytime Ambient	60	52	51	43	48	Operator ~ 60 Plane ~ 48 to 53 Trees rustling ~ 44 to 48 insects ~ 45 to 47 Birds ~ 36 to 40 Other Industry ~ <35
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
04/03/2013 21:41 W = 1 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 2/8	Evening Ambient	54	53	49	44	47	Insects ~ 45 to 54 Distant Traffic ~ 47 Other Industry ~ 35 to 36
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
04/03/2013 22:00 W = 1 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 2/8	Night-time Ambient	62	52	50	46	48	Insects ~ 46 to 55 Distant Traffic ~ 43 Other Industry ~ 36
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					

Table 5 Location L, 17 Kilshanny Ave, Ashtonfield

Date/Start Time/Weather	Measurement Description	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission and Typical Maximum Levels LAmax – dBA
		LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
25/02/2013 15:37 Wind: 1.5 m/s NE Temp = 32°C Cloud cover = 4/8	Daytime Ambient	67	58	46	40	46	Operator ~ 53 to 57 Resident ~ 48 to 60 Trees rustling ~ 48 to 51 Birds ~ 42 to 46 Distant traffic ~ 39 to 50 Local Traffic ~ 63 to 67 Plane ~ 43 to 47 CHPP Audible in lulls ~ 33
		Estimated Abel LAeq Contribution ~ 33 dBA					
04/03/2013 19:43 W = 1-2 m/s SE Temp = 21°C Cloud cover = 5/8	Evening Ambient	76	69	68	57	65	Local Traffic ~ 76 Insects ~ 57 to 69 Residents ~ 69 CHPP audible ~ 41
		Estimated Abel LAeq Contribution ~ 41 dBA					
04/03/2013 22:29 W = 1 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 2/8	Night-time Ambient	57	47	45	41	44	Insects ~ 40 to 48 Distant Traffic ~ 39 to 48 Operator ~ 57 CHPP audible ~ 37 CHPP Bang ~ 48
		Estimated Abel LAeq Contribution ~ 37 dBA					

Table 6 Location D, Black Hill School, Black Hill

Date/Start Time/Weather	Measurement Description	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission and Typical Maximum Levels LAmax – dBA
		LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	
25/02/2013 16:53 W = 1-2 m/s SE Temp = 32°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Daytime Ambient	77	72	66	44	62	Local Traffic ~ 64 to 77 Birds ~ 44 to 64 Distant Traffic ~ 46 to 48 School Maintenance ~ 46 to 67
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
04/03/2013 18:31 W = < 1m/s E Temp = 23°C Cloud cover = 7/8	Evening Ambient	75	70	54	45	56	Local Traffic ~ 72 to 75 Birds ~ 48 to 54 Distant Traffic ~ 46 to 50 Leaves rustling ~ 47 to 53 Operator ~ 54 to 63 Insects ~ 55
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					
04/03/2013 23:42 W = 0.5 m/s SE Temp = 20°C Cloud cover = 6/8	Night-time Ambient	74	58	52	41	50	Insects/frogs ~ 41 to 48 Local Traffic ~ 74 Distant Traffic ~ 44 to 53
		Donaldson mine ~ Inaudible					

4.2 Operator Attended Monitoring Summary

4.2.1 Donaldson Mine

Noise generated by local and distant traffic was a significant contributor to noise levels at all monitored locations as well as "natural" noises such as birds, insects and leaf rustle.

Donaldson operations were observed to be audible at Locations F Black Hill Road during the evening and night-time periods. Donaldson Mine operations were inaudible at all other locations.

The estimated Donaldson contribution at location F during the evening was approximately L_{Aeq} 36 dBA. This is within the consent noise limits.

The estimated Donaldson contribution at Location F during the night-time was approximately L_{Aeq} 39 dBA. Location F is now a mine owned property and therefore the noise limits do not apply in accordance with Condition 15 of the consent conditions.

Based on results and observations from operator attended noise surveys, it is likely that the contributed noise levels from Donaldson Mine comply with noise emission goals for all periods.

4.2.2 Abel Coal Mine

Noise generated by local and distant traffic was a significant contributor to noise levels at all monitored locations as well as "natural" noises such as birds, insects and leaf rustle.

Abel operations were observed to be audible at location L during the daytime, evening and night-time periods. Abel project operations were inaudible at all other locations.

The estimated Abel contribution at Location L during the daytime, evening and night-time noise monitoring periods was approximately L_{Aeq} 33 dBA, 41 dBA and 36 dBA respectively. The measured $L_{A1(1minute)}$ contribution of Abel operations at Location L was 48 dBA which is less than the $L_{A1(1minute)}$ criteria of 53 dBA.

Based on results and observations from operator attended noise surveys, it is likely that the contributed noise levels from the Abel Coal Mine did not exceed noise emission goals (including night-time sleep arousal criteria) and were in compliance with Abel Mine Project Approval.

5 UNATTENDED CONTINIOUS NOISE MONITORING

5.1 Results of Unattended Continuous Monitoring

Unattended continuous noise monitoring was conducted between 9 February 2013 and 4 March 2013 at each of the five (5) nominated locations given in **Table 1**. ARL Type EL-316 and SVAN 957 environmental noise loggers were used to monitor the ambient noise levels at each location. Details of the noise loggers used for the unattended continuous noise monitoring are given in **Table 7**.

Table 7 Noise Loggers and Noise Monitoring Locations

Location	Noise Logger Serial Number	Date of Logging
A – Weakleys Drive, Beresfield	16-1030494	08/02/2013-20/02/2013
F – Black Hill Road, Black Hill	16-301-473	08/02/2013-20/02/2013
G – Buchanan Road, Buchanan	16-306-039	08/02/2013-20/02/2013
L – Kilshanny Ave, Kilshanny	16-203-509	08/02/2013-20/02/2013
D – Black Hill School, Black Hill	16-301-473	20/02/2013-04/03/2013

The unattended ambient noise logger data from each monitoring location are presented graphically on a daily basis and are attached as **Appendices C1** to **C5**. A summary of the results of the unattended continuous noise monitoring is given in **Table 8**.

The ambient noise level data quantifies the overall noise level at a given location independent of its source or character.

The measured ambient noise levels were divided into three periods representing day, evening and night as designated in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP). The day, evening and night periods replace the day and night periods defined under the Environmental Noise Control Manual (ENCM). However, as the Donaldson conditions of consent are under the ENCM, these periods have also been reported.

Precautions can be taken to minimise influences from extraneous noise sources (eg optimum placement of the loggers away from creeks, trees, houses, etc), however, not all these sources or their effects can be eliminated. This is particularly the case during the warmer times of year when noise from insects, frogs, birds and other animals can become quite prevalent.

Weather data for the subject area during the noise monitoring period was provided by Donaldson Coal. Noise data during periods of any rainfall and/or wind speeds in excess of 5 m/s (approximately 9 knots) were discarded in accordance with INP weather affected data exclusion methodology.

Table 8 Unattended Continuous Monitoring Ambient Noise Levels (dBA Re 20 µPa)

Location	Period	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)			
		L_{A1}	L_{A10}	L_{A90}	L_{Aeq}
A Weakleys Drive, Beresfield	Daytime	60	56	48	57
	Evening	58	54	46	55
	ENCM Daytime	60	56	47	57
	Night	57	53	44	58
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Daytime	67	57	41	56
	Evening	63	51	37	54
	ENCM Daytime	66	56	39	55
	Night	56	50	36	51
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Daytime	55	49	35	50
	Evening	48	46	38	52
	ENCM Daytime	54	48	35	50
	Night	44	43	38	43
L 17 Kilshanny Ave, Ashtonfield	Daytime	56	46	34	52
	Evening	54	44	35	57
	ENCM Daytime	55	45	34	54
	Night	44	41	34	43
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Daytime	57	49	42	52
	Evening	56	50	42	59
	ENCM Daytime	57	50	40	56
	Night	54	50	41	54

Note: Periods used for the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) are defined as Daytime - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday; Evening - 6.00 pm 10.00 pm; Night - 10.00 pm to 7.00 am pm Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday..
EPA Periods used for the Environmental Noise Control Manual (ENCM) Daytime 7.00 am to 10.00 pm , Night 10.00 pm to 7.00 am.

5.2 Long term Unattended Continuous Monitoring Summary for Donaldson Mine and Abel Coal Mine

5.2.1 Ambient LA90 Noise Levels

Figure 1 Long term Daytime LA90 Noise Levels

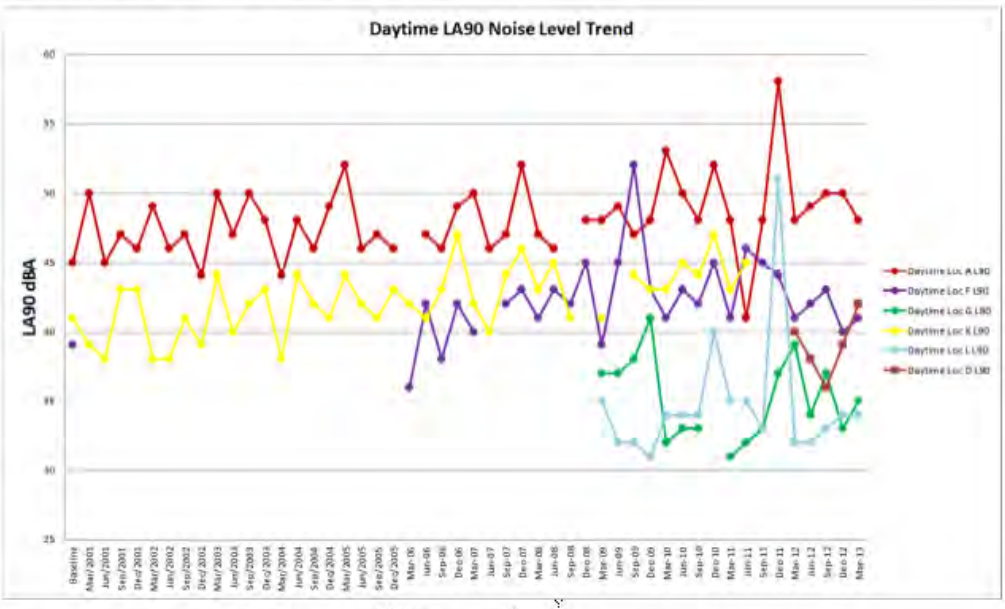


Figure 2 Long term Evening LA90 Noise Levels

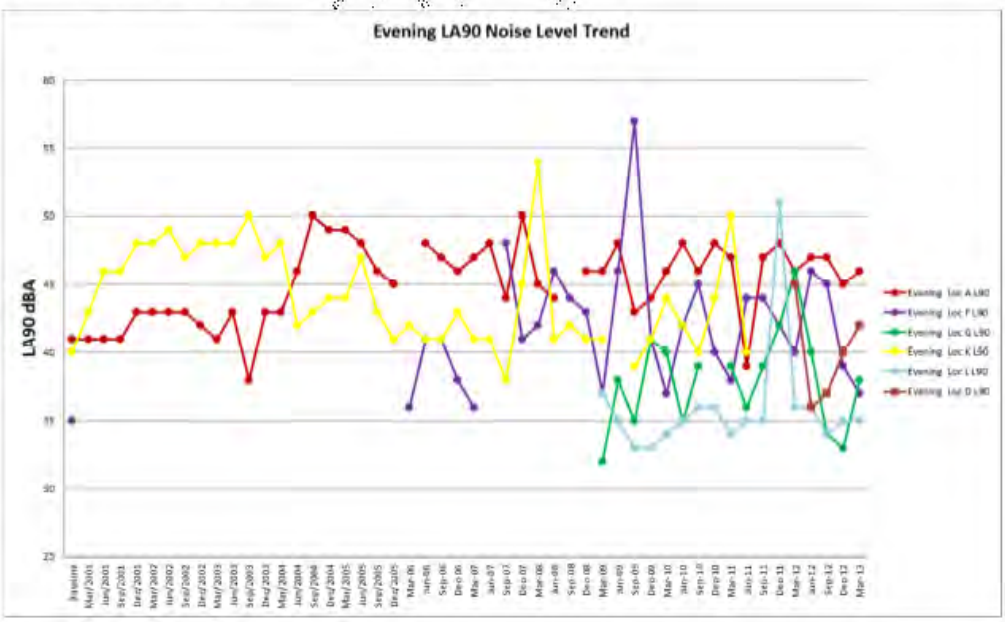
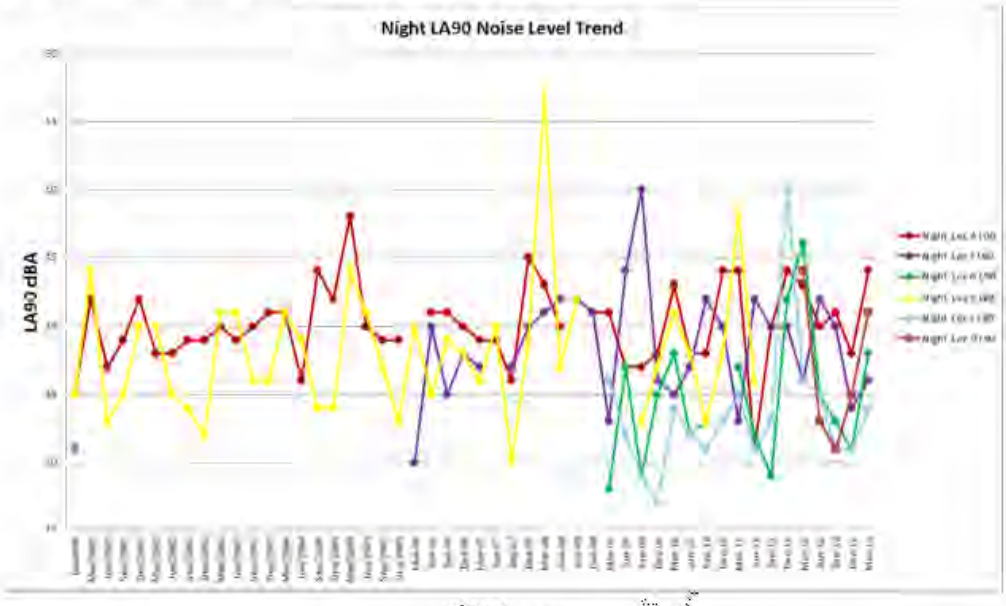


Figure 3 Long term Night-time L_{A90} Noise Levels



Baseline

The summary of results in **Table 8** and **Figure 1**, **Figure 2** and **Figure 3** show that ambient L_{A90} noise levels recorded for the quarter ending March 2013 were higher than levels recorded during the baseline monitoring process at Location A by 3 dBA during the daytime and 2 dBA lower during the evening and 5 dBA higher during the night-time noise survey. Increases of 2 dBA, 2 dBA and 5 dBA were recorded in the daytime, evening and night-time periods at respectively at Location F.

Given that no data was available at Locations D, G and L during baseline measurements and no monitoring was conducted at Location K during the March 2013 quarter no comparisons can be made.

Previous Quarter (December 2012)

A comparison of the current monitoring period with the previous monitoring period shows that L_{A90} noise levels were generally similar (within 3 dBA) or lower than those recorded during December 2012 at Location F and Location L. Increases of 3 dBA, 2 dBA and 6 dBA at Location D and 2 dBA, 5 dBA and 7 dBA at Location G were recorded respectively during the daytime, evening and night-time monitoring periods. Increases of 1 dBA and 6 dBA were recorded during the evening and night-time period, whilst a decrease of 2 dBA was recorded during the day-time period at location A.

Coinciding Period Last Year (March 2012)

A comparison of the current monitoring period with the coinciding monitoring period last year indicates that L_{A90} noise levels were generally lower than those recorded in March 2012 at locations A, F, G, L and D with slight increases (less than 2 dBA) at location A during the night-time period at Location L during the day-time period.

Decreases of up to 8 dBA in the L_{A90} were recorded at Location G. The dramatic decreases recorded are considered likely to be due to high insect and frog activity during the March 2012 quarter

5.2.2 Ambient LA10 Noise Comparison

The long term ambient LA10 noise levels collected from each monitoring location are presented graphically in **Figure 4**, **Figure 5** and **Figure 6** for the daytime, evening and night-time periods respectively.

Figure 4 Long term Daytime LA10 Noise Levels

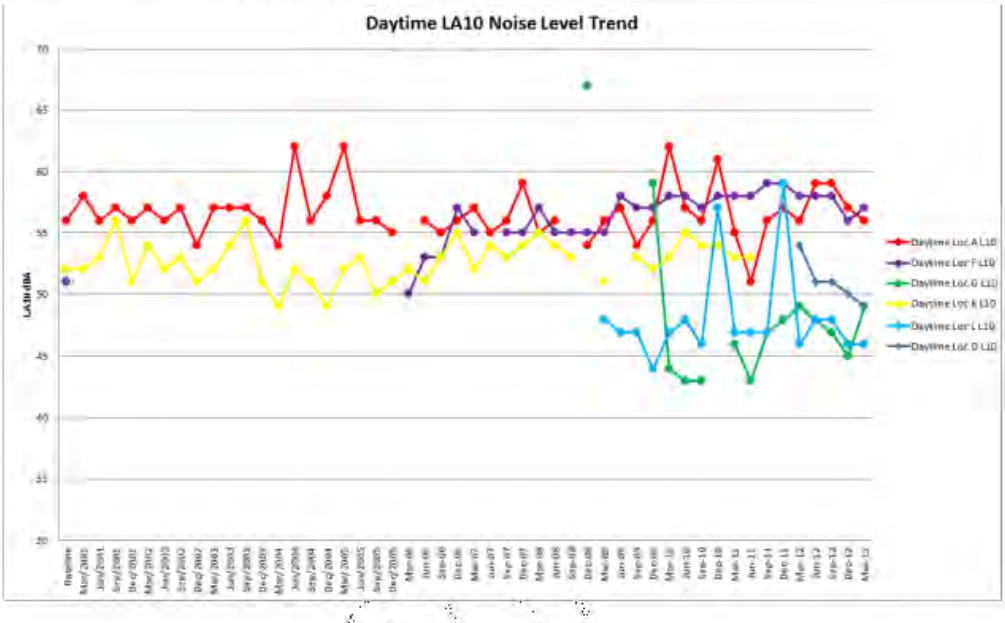


Figure 5 Long term Evening L_{A10} Noise Levels

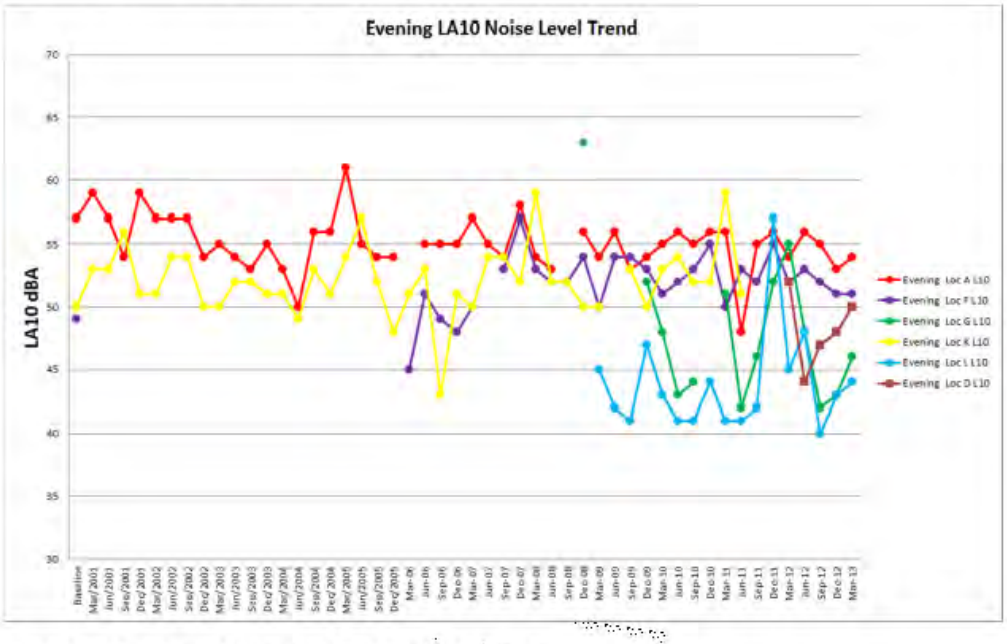
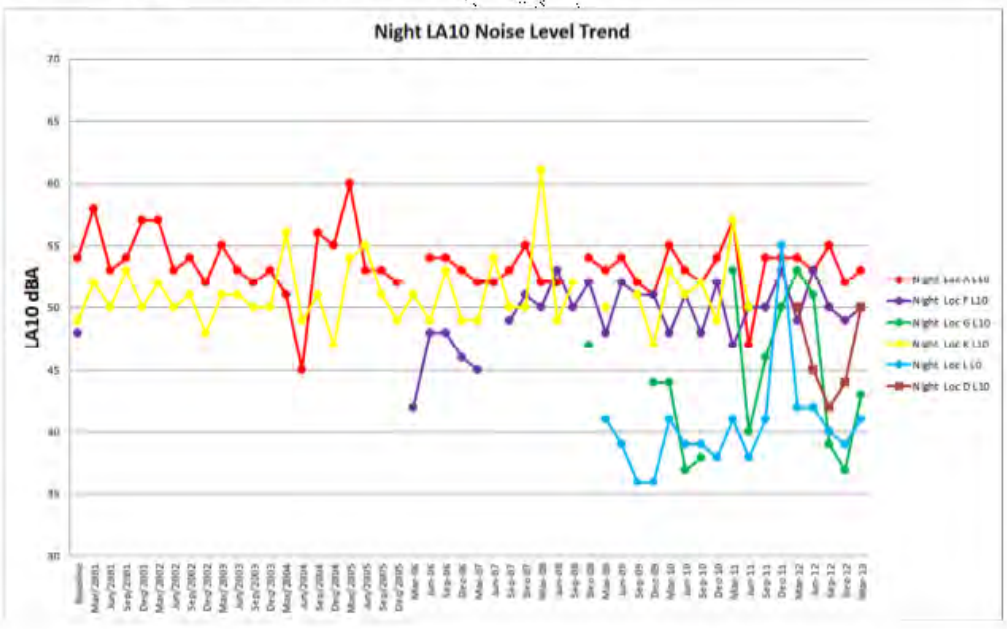


Figure 6 Long term Night-time L_{A10} Noise Levels



Baseline

The summary of results in **Table 8** and **Figure 4**, **Figure 5** and **Figure 6** show that ambient L_{A10} noise levels recorded for the quarter ending March 2013 were 6 dBA greater than levels recorded during the baseline monitoring process at Location F during the daytime, 2 dBA higher during the evening and 3 dBA higher during the night-time period. At Location A L_{A10} noise levels were the same during the daytime, 3 dBA and 1 dBA lower during the evening and night-timer periods respectively.

Given that no data was available at Locations G, L and D during baseline measurements and no monitoring was conducted at Location K during the March 2013 quarter no comparisons can be made.

Previous Quarter (December 2012)

A comparison of the current monitoring period with the previous monitoring period shows that recorded L_{A10} noise levels at location A, Location F and Location L were similar (within 2 dBA) or lower to those recorded in December 2012.

Increases of 4 dBA, 3 dBA and 6 dBA at Location G were recorded during the daytime, evening and night-time monitoring periods. Increases of 2 dBA and 6 dBA were recorded during the evening and night-time period and 1 dBA decrease during the daytime period at location D.

Coinciding Period Last Year (March 2012)

A comparison of the current monitoring period with the coinciding monitoring period last year indicates that L_{A10} noise levels were generally lower than those recorded in March 2012 at location A, D, F, G and L.

Decreases of up to 10 dBA and 5 dBA in the L_{A10} were recorded at Location G and D respectively. The dramatic decreases recorded are considered likely to be due to high insect and frog activity during the March 2012 quarter.

5.3 Discussion

Based on the observations made during the operator attended noise surveys, where noise levels have been observed to increase at Location A, Location D, Location G and Location L, the ambient noise environment is dominated by road traffic or natural noises and not considered to be impacted from the Donaldson or Abel Mine activity.

6 SUMMARY OF RESULTS AND FINDINGS

SLR Consulting were engaged by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd to conduct quarterly noise monitoring surveys for Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine in accordance with the Abel Coal Mine Noise Monitoring Program, dated 27 May 2008.

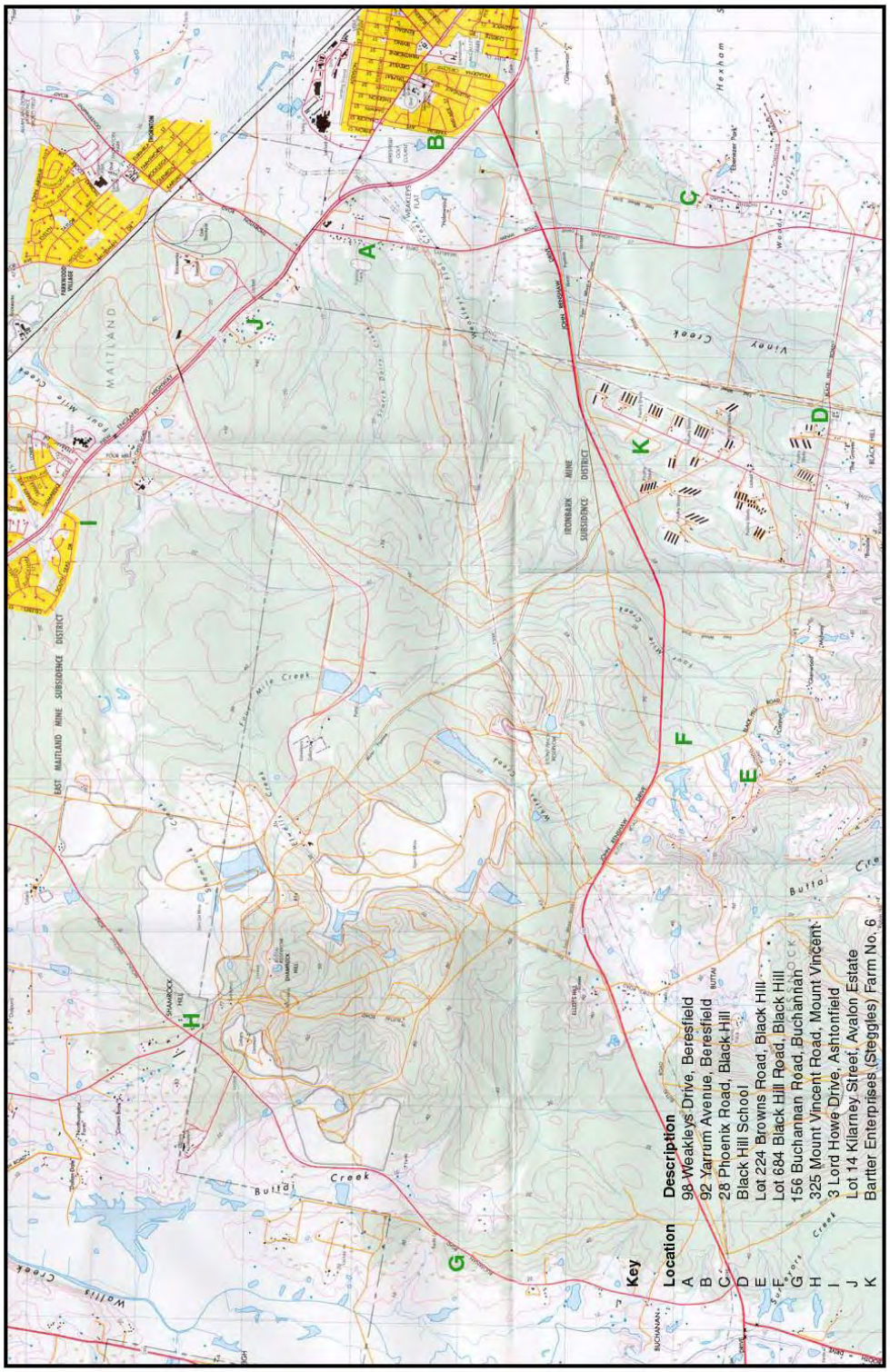
The results of the operator-attended noise measurements conducted at five (5) focus locations surrounding the mine site are included in **Table 2** to **Table 6**.

Based on the results and observations from operator attended surveys, it is likely that contributed noise levels from Donaldson Mine comply with noise emission goals for all periods.

Abel Mine operations at the CHPP were audible at Location L during the daytime, evening and night-time periods but remained below the consent conditions. Abel Operations were not audible at all other locations during all periods and as such it is likely that contributed noise levels from Abel Mine did not exceed noise emission goals (including night-time sleep arousal criteria) and were in compliance with the Abel Mine *Project Approval* at all locations.

A comparison of ambient L_{A10} and L_{A90} noise levels recorded during the current monitoring period (March 2013), the baseline monitoring period, the last monitoring period (December 2012), and the coinciding monitoring period from last year (March 2012) has been conducted.

In summary, where noise levels have risen, the ambient noise environment has been identified to generally contain traffic and natural noise sources or noise from other local mining and earthworks and not noise from Donaldson Mine or Abel Mine activity.



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APPENDIX B - EQUIPMENT REGISTER

JOB NUMBER: 30-1053

JOB DESCRIPTION: Donaldson Mine Quarterly Monitoring – March 2010

Unit No	Equipment	Description	Serial Number
1	DOZ004	CATERPILLAR D9R	7TL00898
2	DOZ005	CATERPILLAR D10R	3KR01384
3	DOZ006	CATERPILLAR D11N	74Z00717
4	DOZ008	CATERPILLAR D10R	3KR01233
5	DOZ009	CATERPILLAR D10R	AKT00823
6	EXC021	CATERPILLAR 330DL	NBD00168
7	EXC072	HITACHI EX2500	184-00108
8	EXC089	CATERPILLAR 5110B	AAA00311
9	LOD004	CATERPILLAR IT28G	CWAC00351
10	LOD044	KOMATSU WA700	10106
11	LOD149	CATERPILLAR 990II	4FR00394
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13	RDT033	CATERPILLAR 740 W/CART	B1P02699
14	RDT100	CATERPILLAR 785	8GB00596
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20	RDT163	CATERPILLAR 785	8GB00259
21	RDT182	CATERPILLAR 785	8GB00494
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23	GRD036	CATERPILLAR 16G	93U03039
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25	CMP061	SULLAIR COMPRESSOR 185CFM	200610160001
26	CMP062	SULLAIR COMPRESSOR 185CFM	206101100049
27	GEN001	KUBOTA GENERATOR – VEH154	
28	WEL057	LINCOLN SAM400 – VEH154	
29	VEH154	ISUZU NPS300 BOILY TRUCK	
30	STR034	VOLVO FL7 SERVICE TRUCK	YV5FAG6JD560318
31	UTE001	NISSAN PATROL SERVICE UTE	
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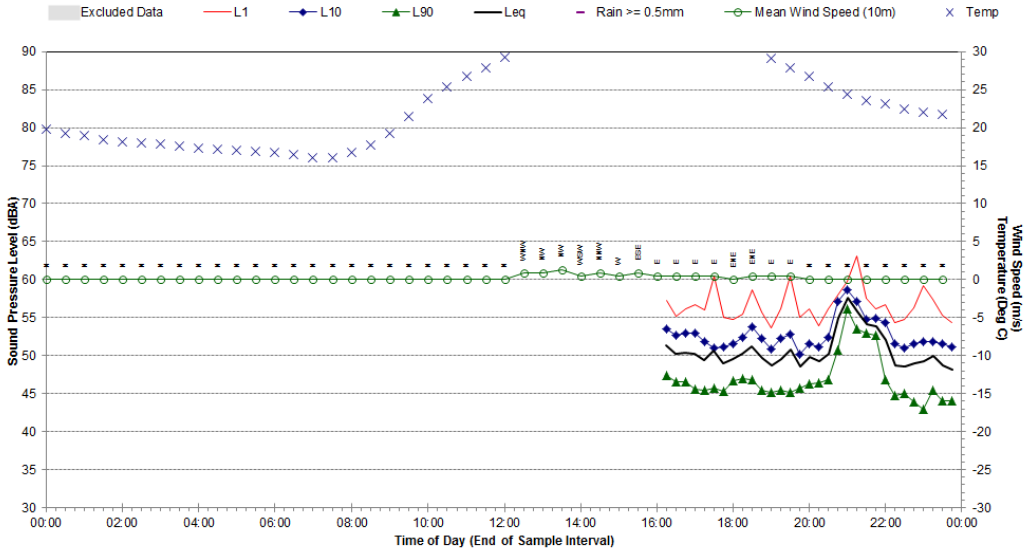
Location A - Friday, 8 February 2013



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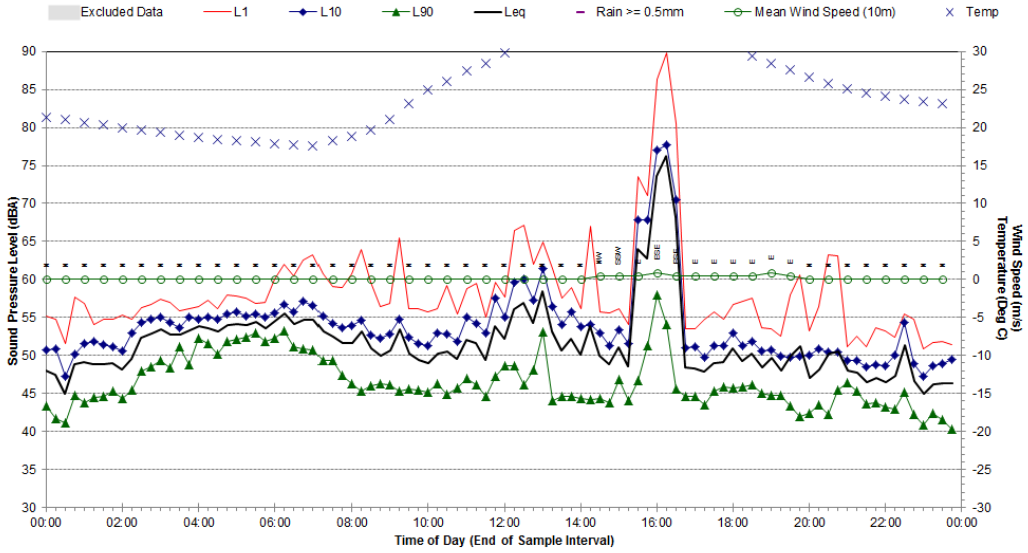
Location A - Saturday, 9 February 2013



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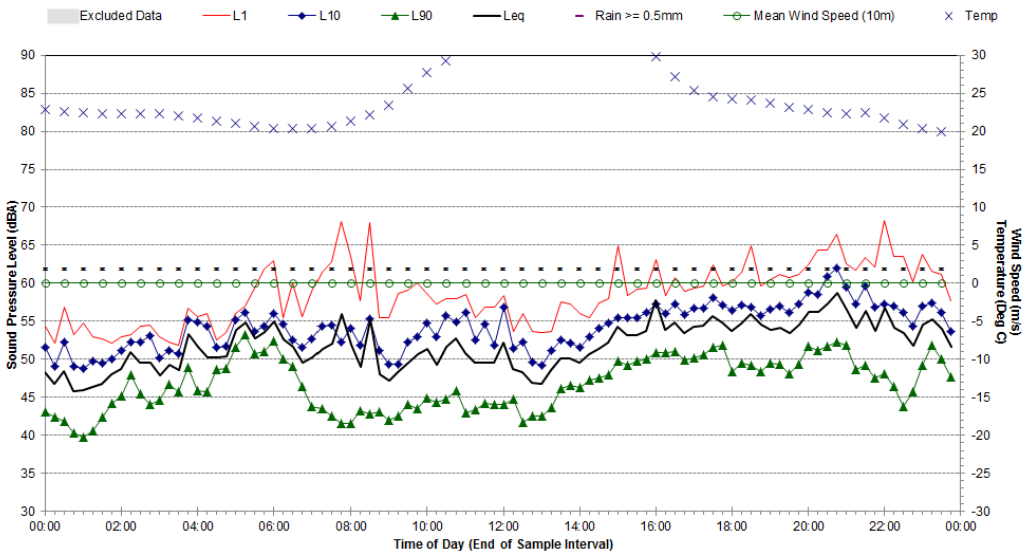

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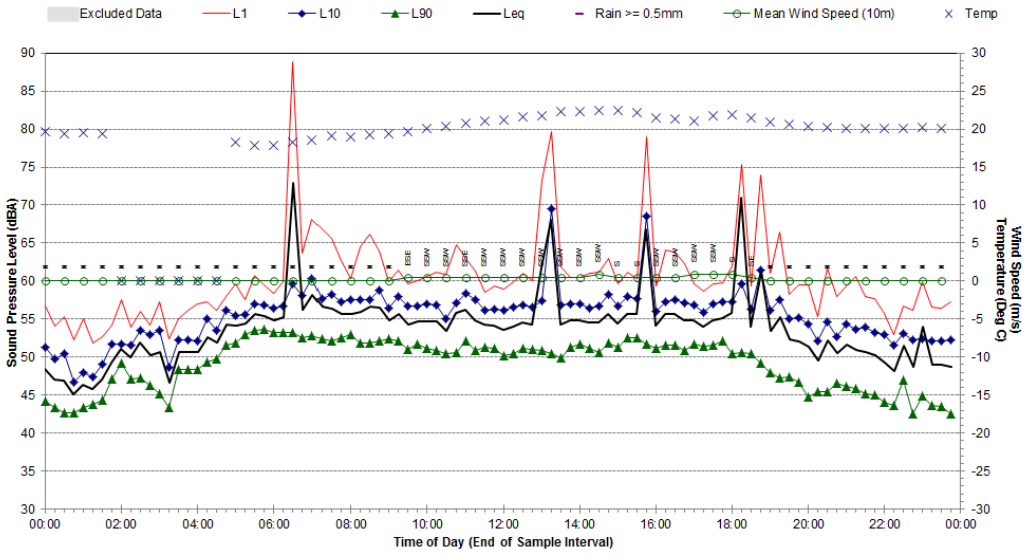

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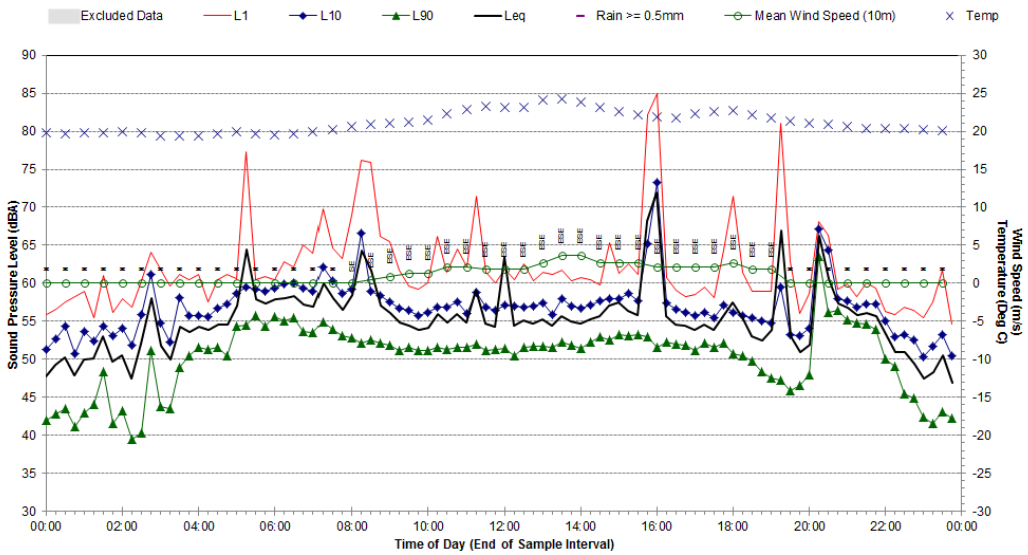

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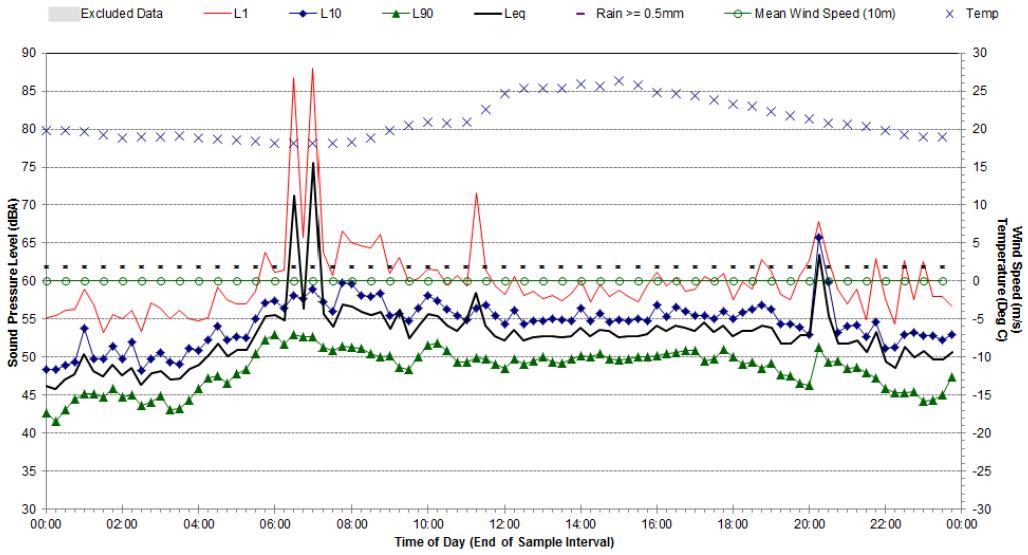

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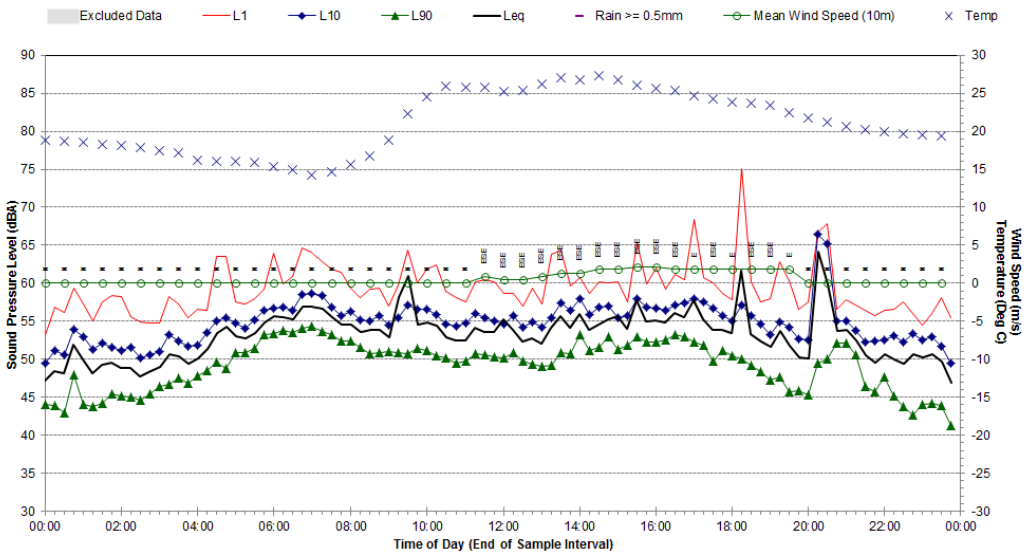

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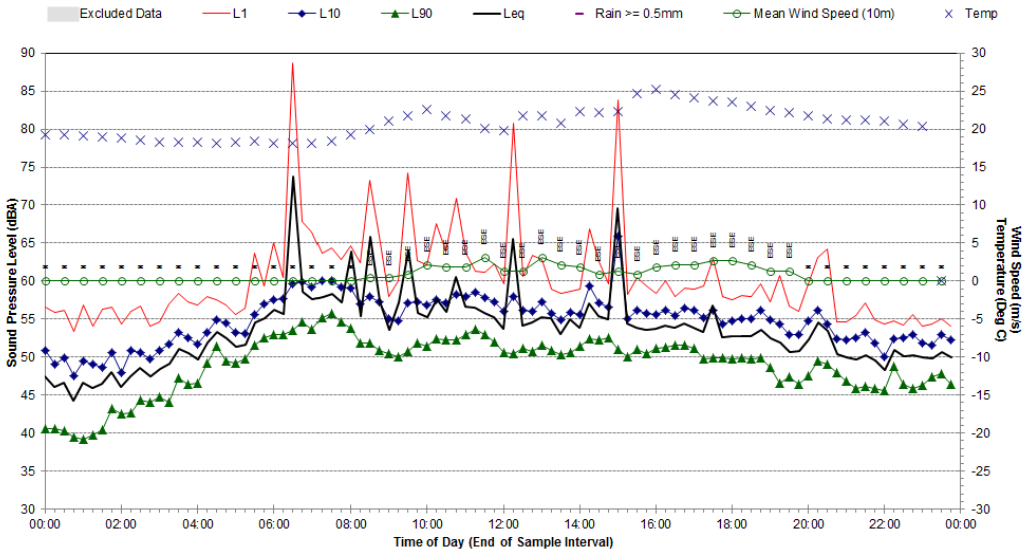
Location A - Friday, 15 February 2013



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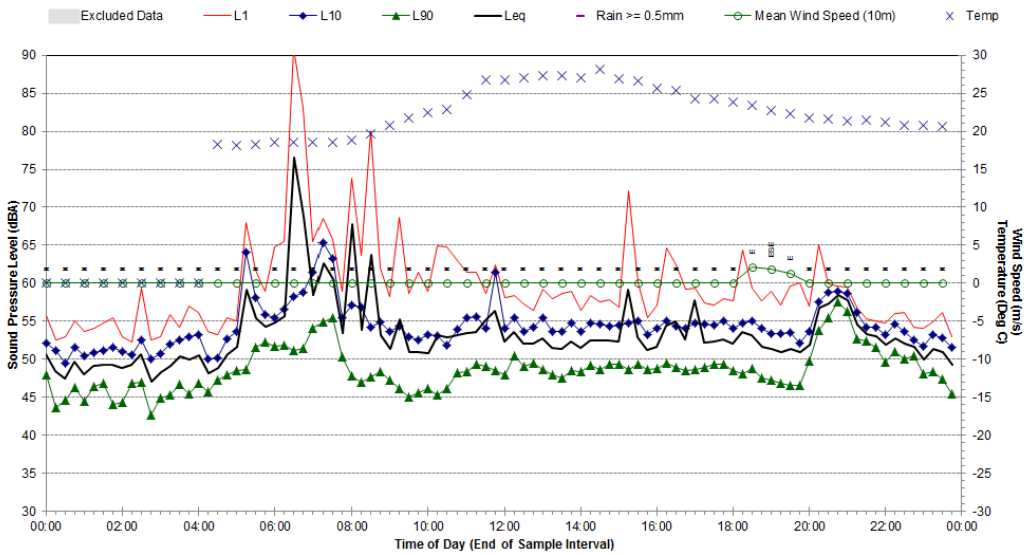
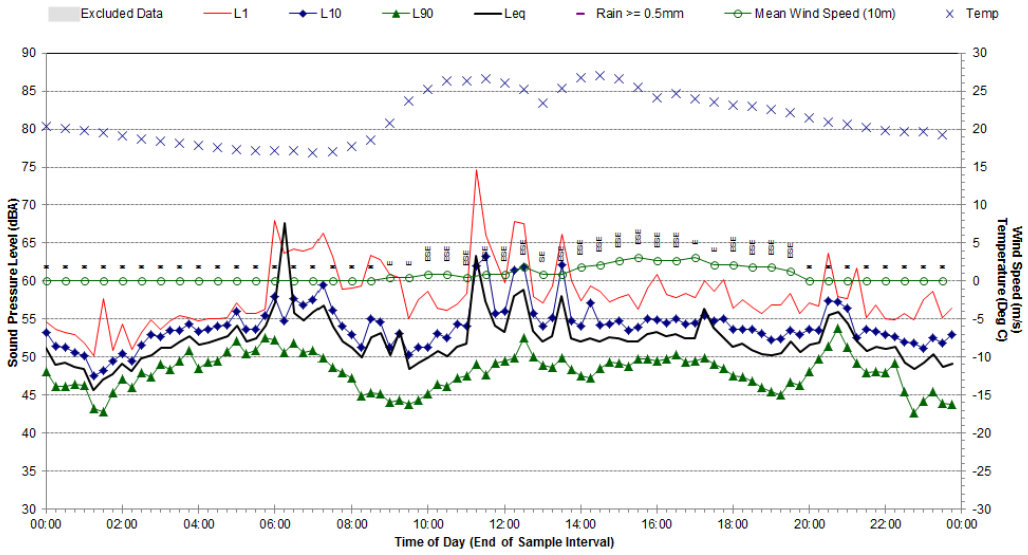


Statistical Ambient Noise Levels

Location A - Sunday, 17 February 2013



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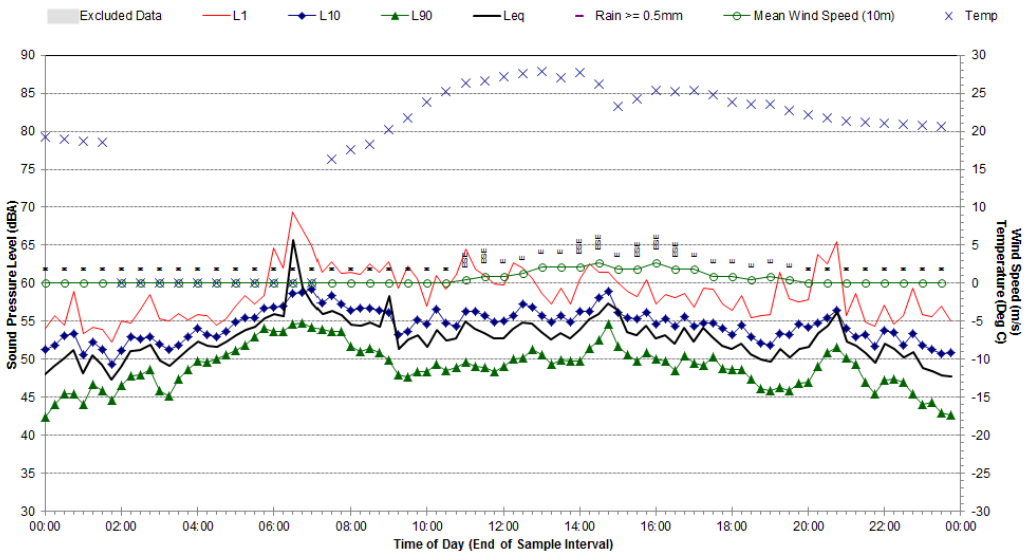

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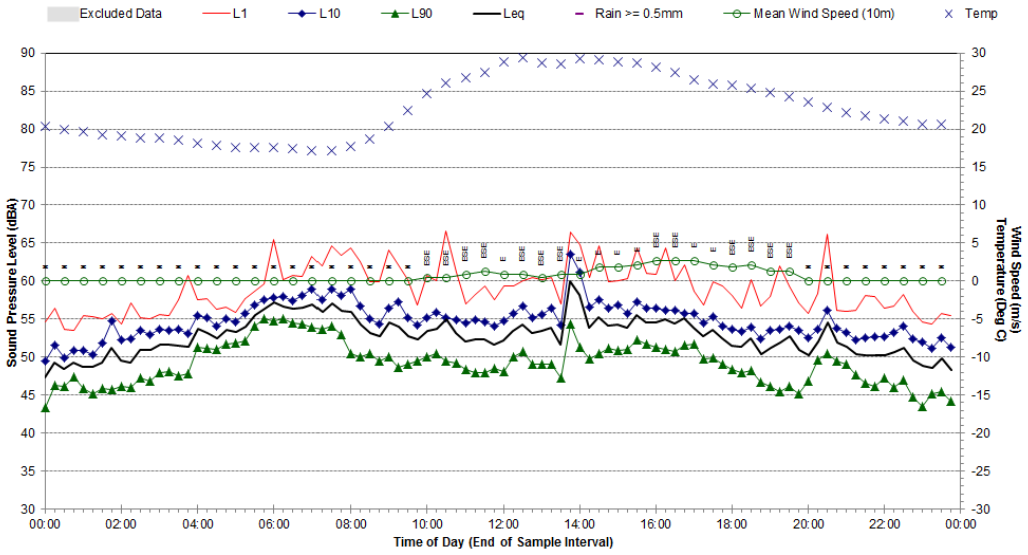

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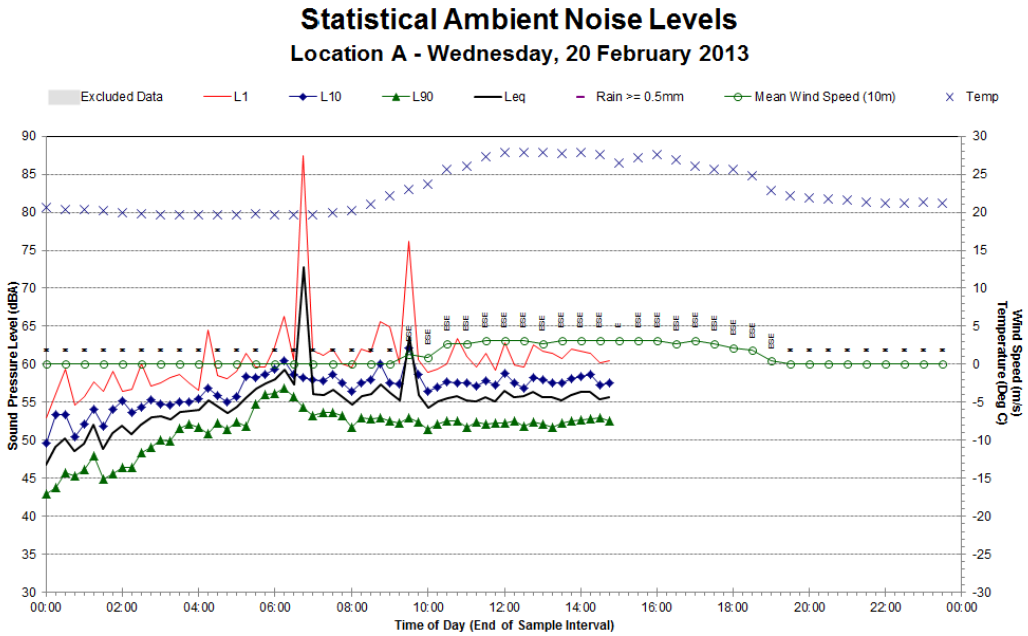

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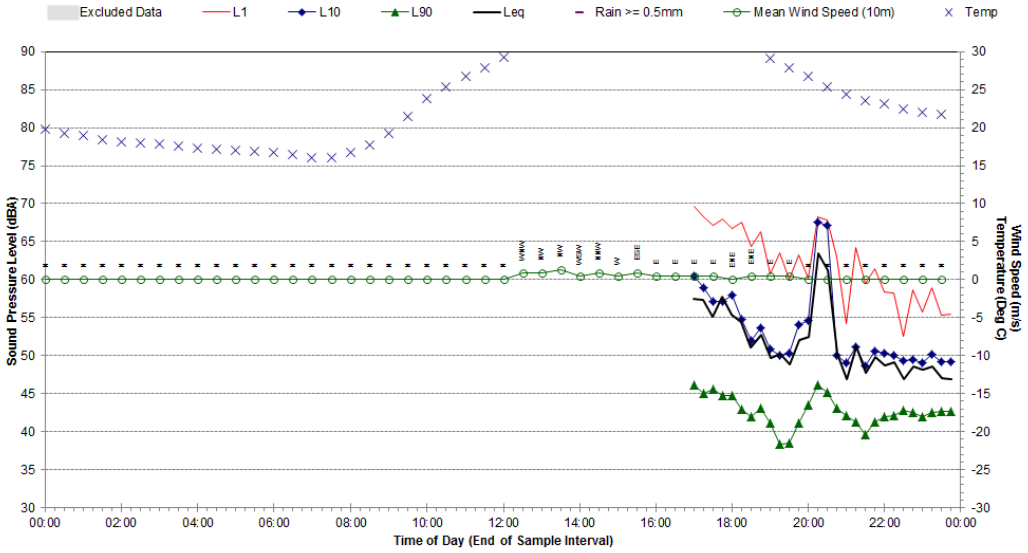
Location F - Friday, 8 February 2013



Statistical Ambient Noise Levels

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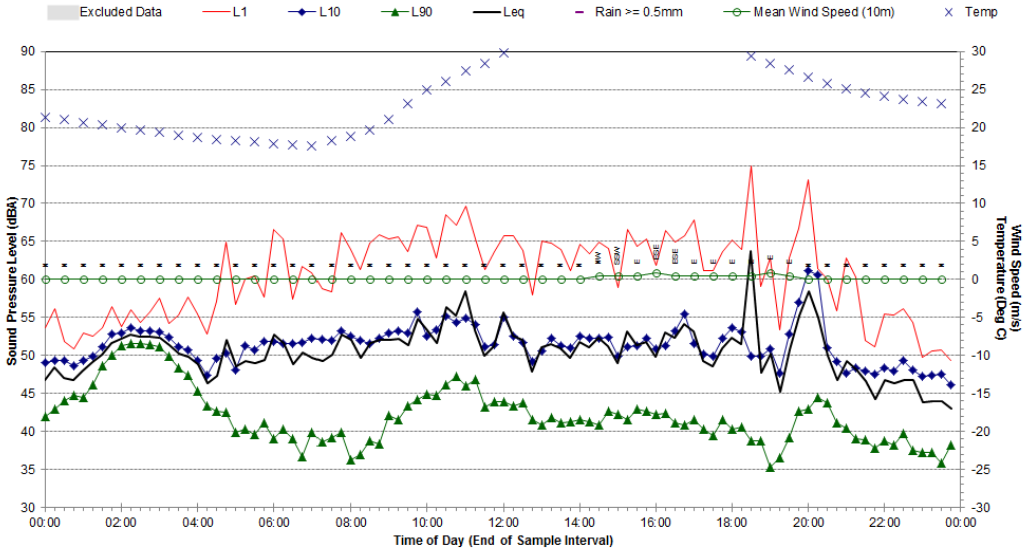

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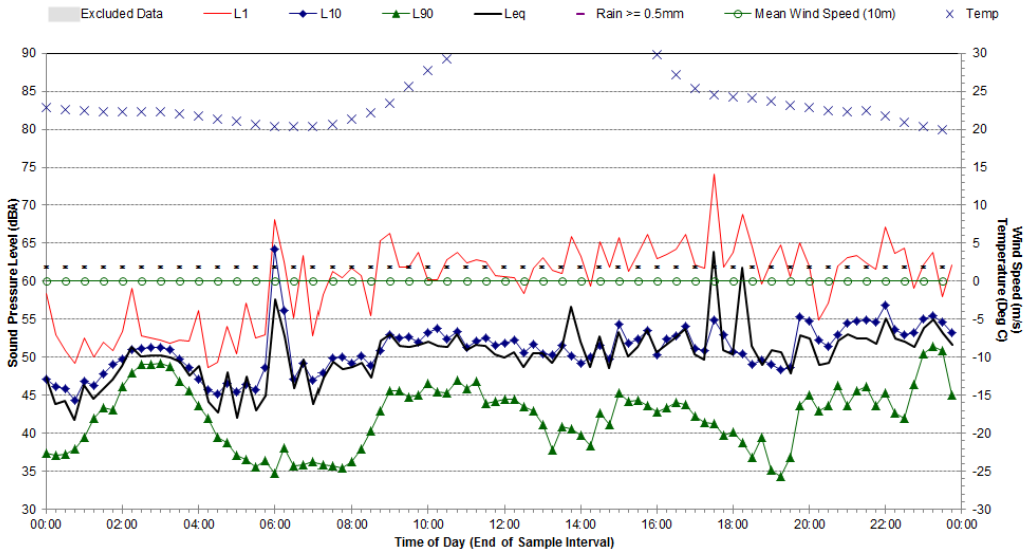

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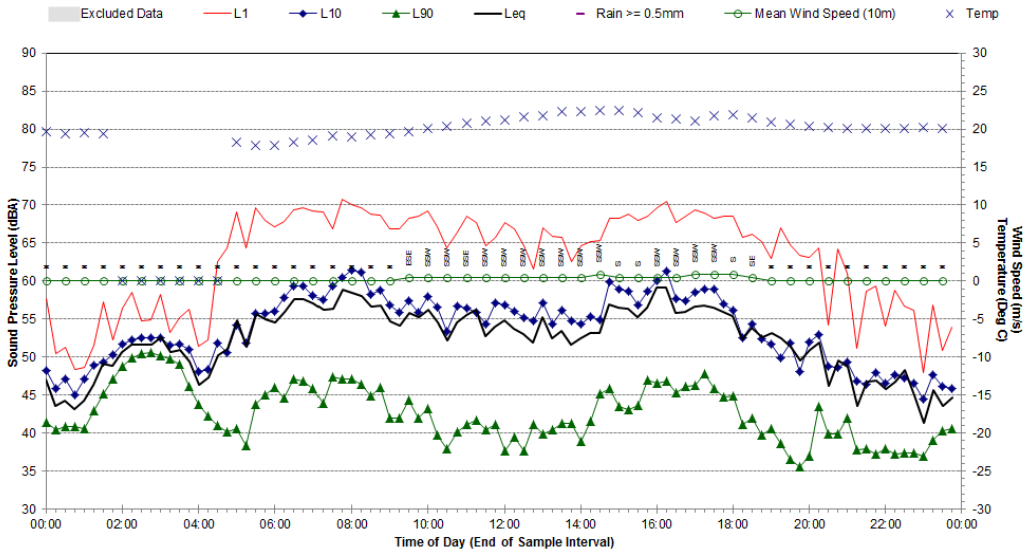

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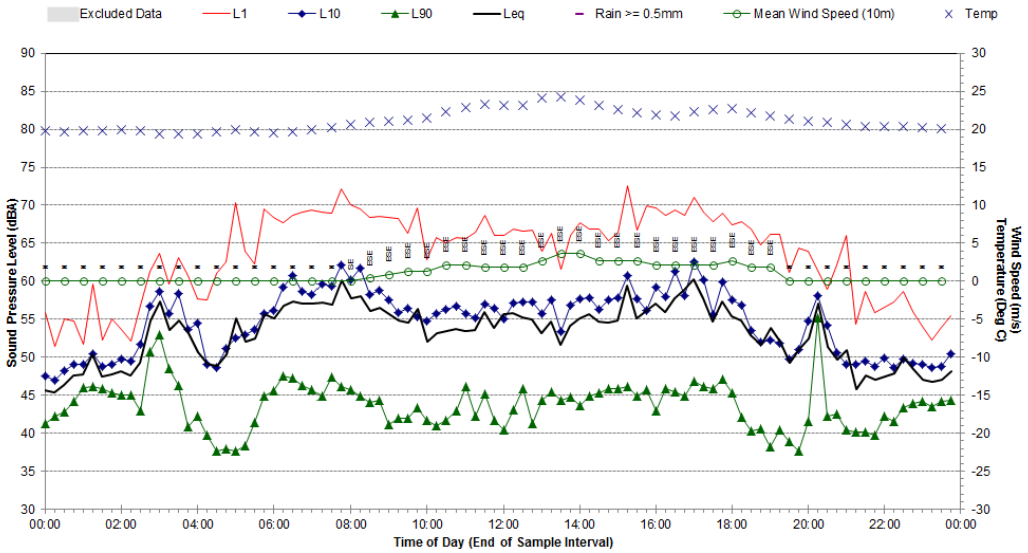

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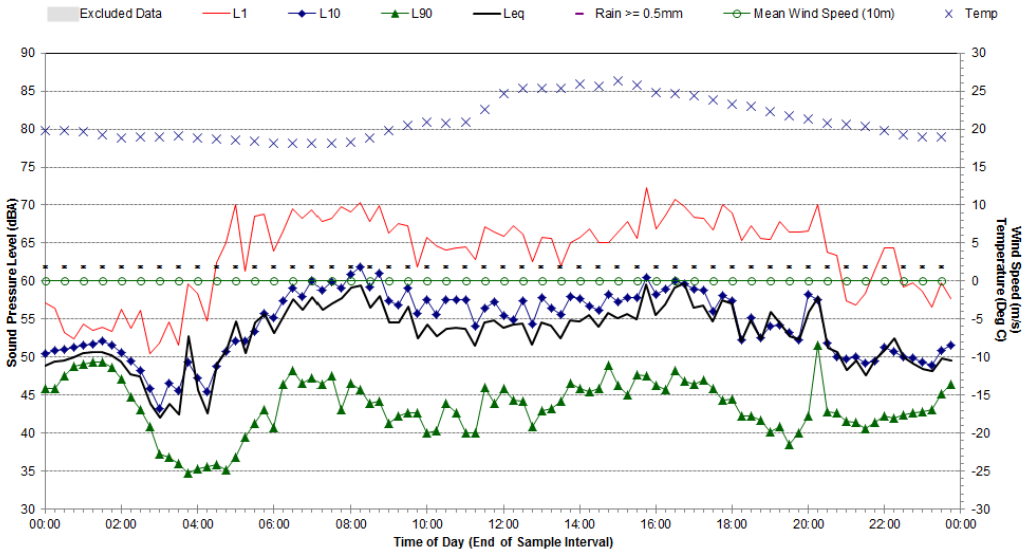

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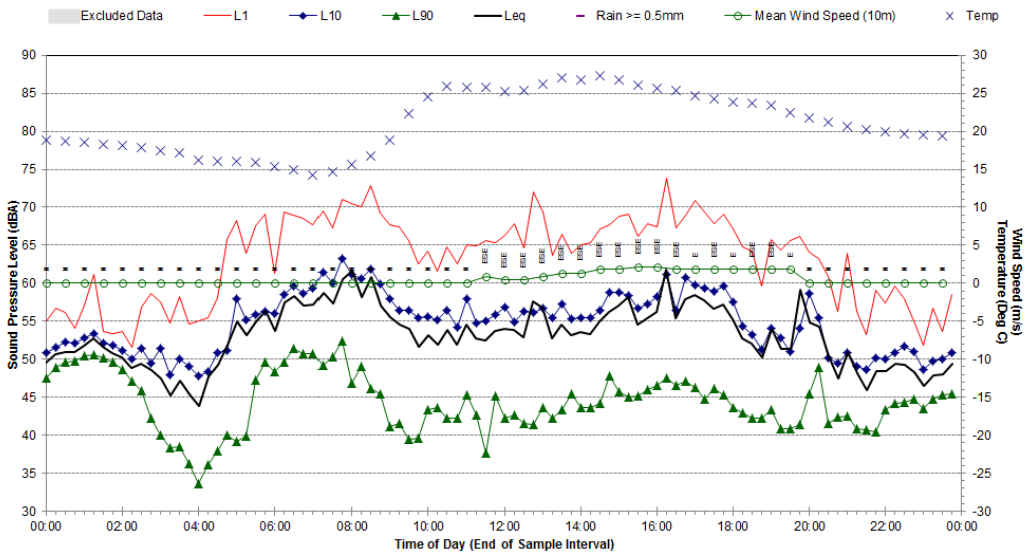

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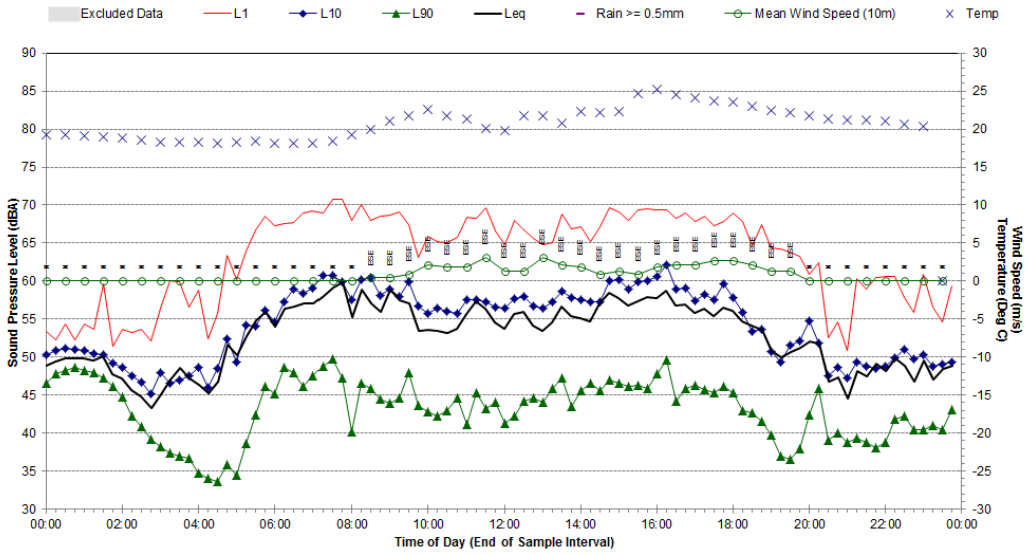

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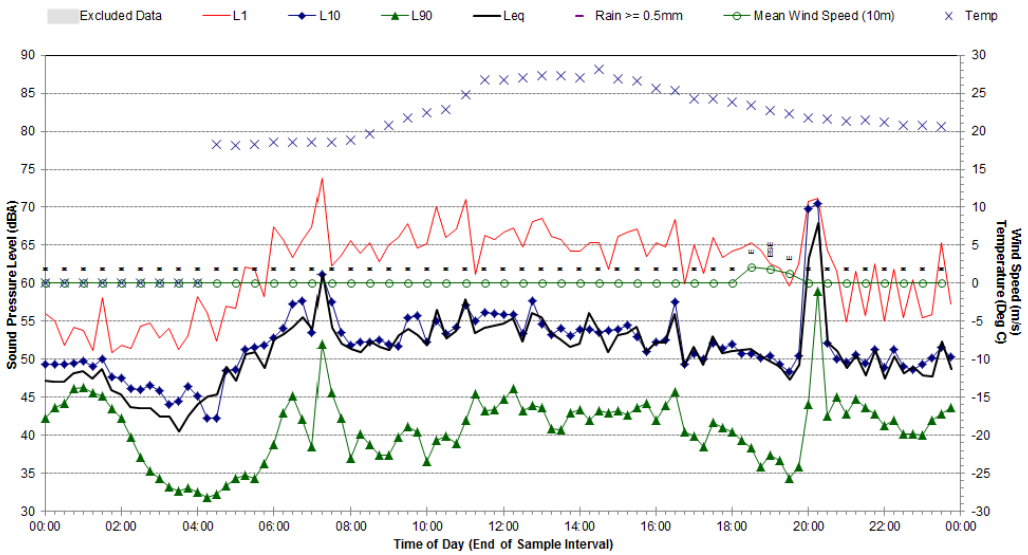

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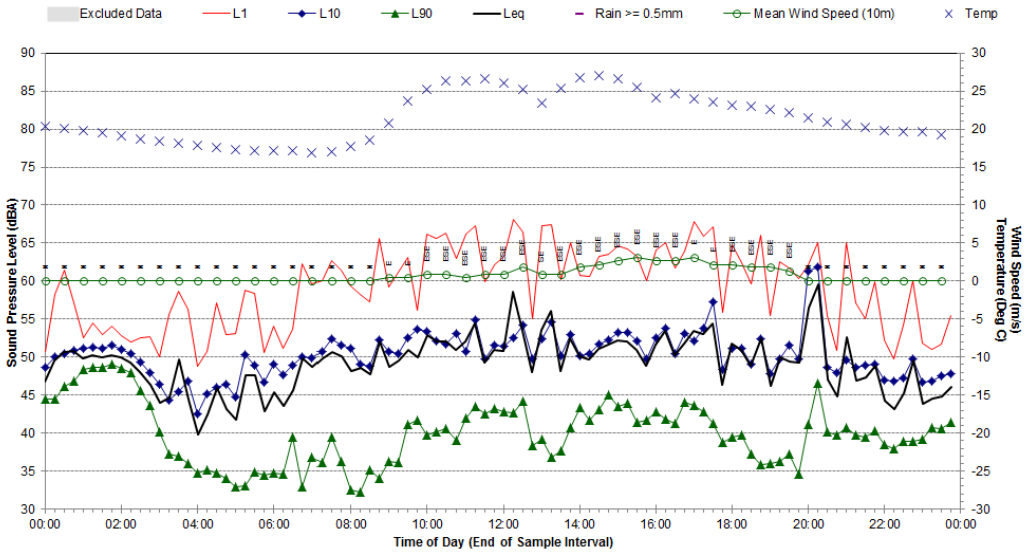

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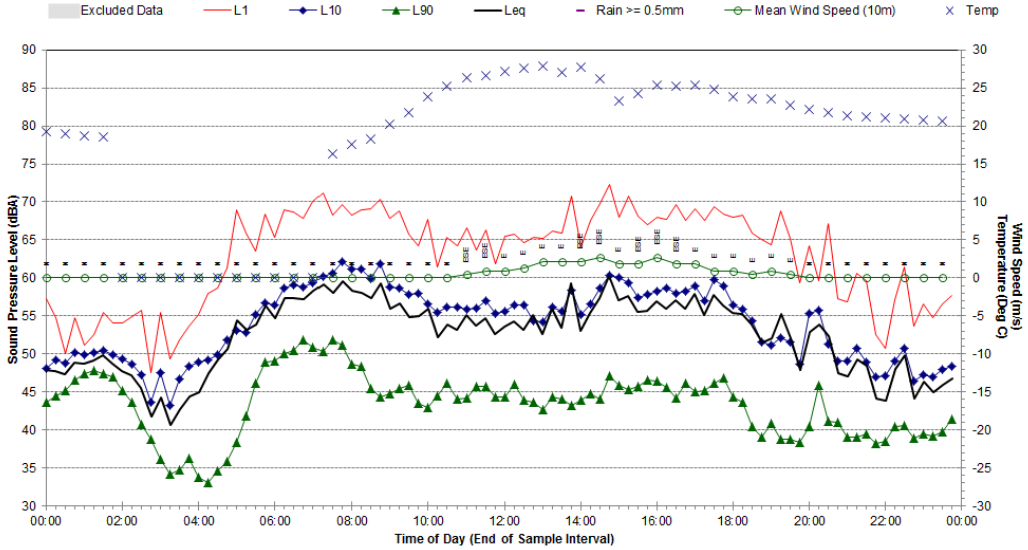

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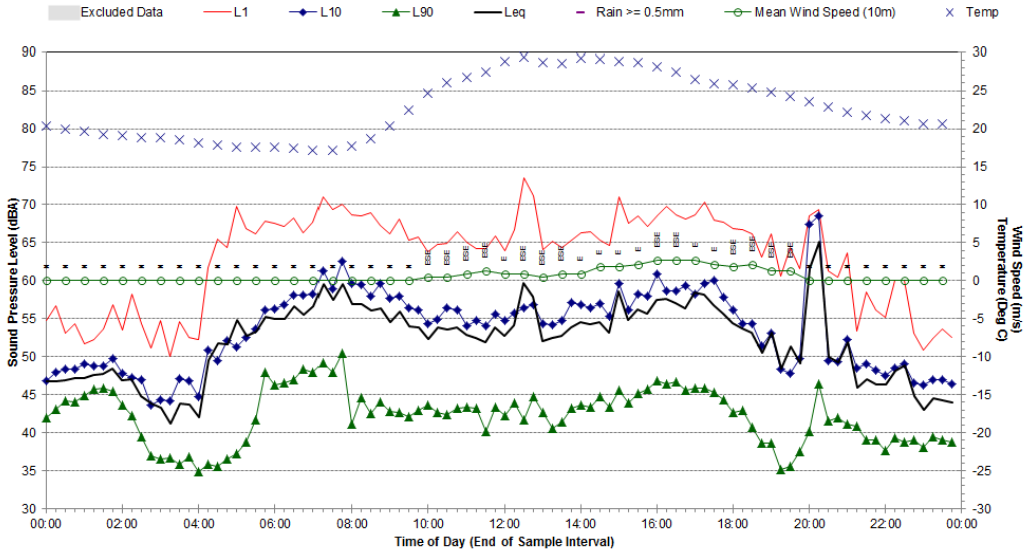

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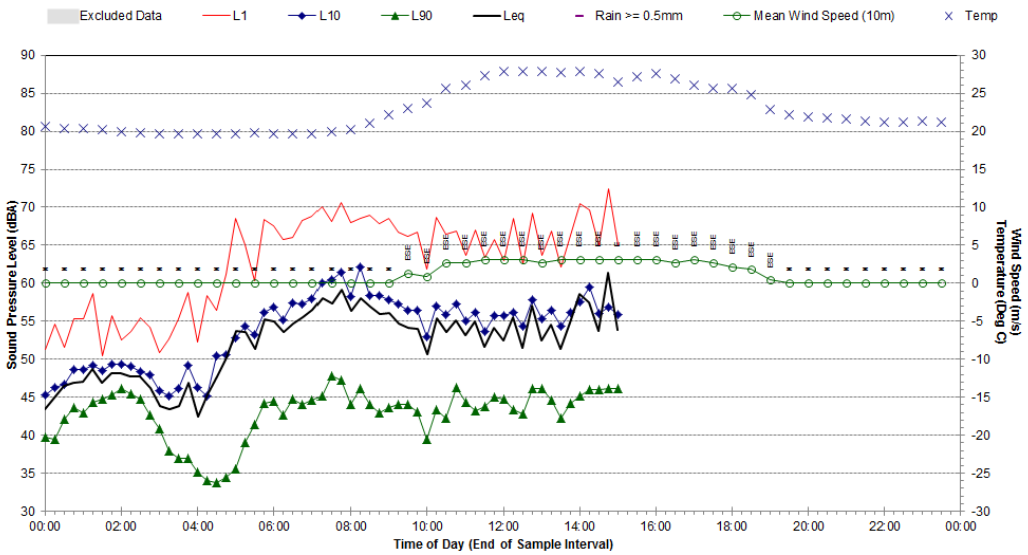

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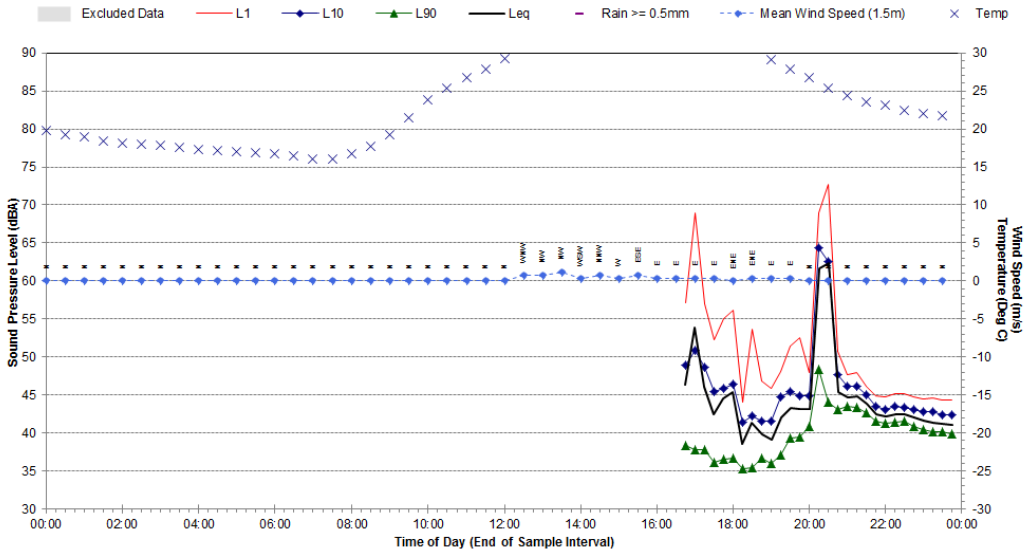

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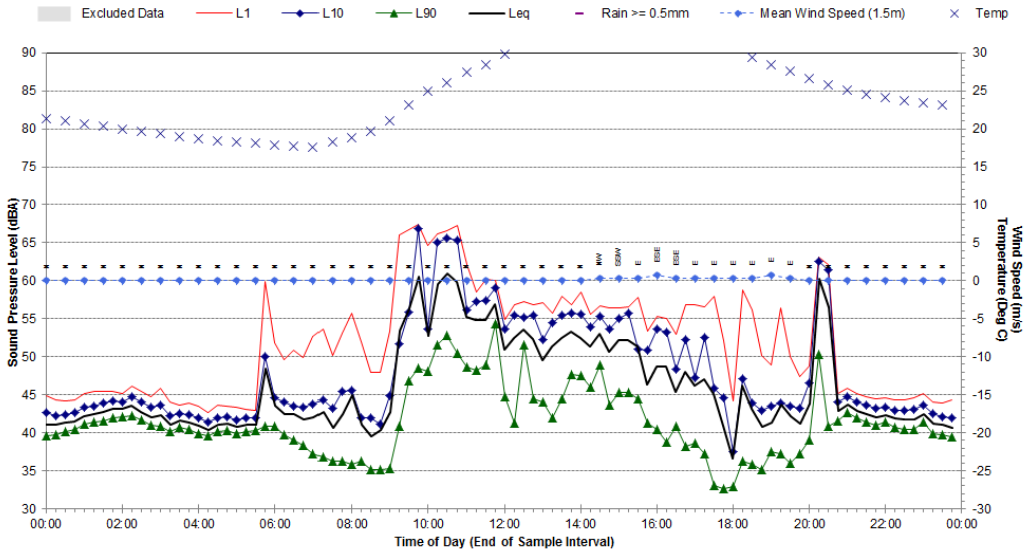

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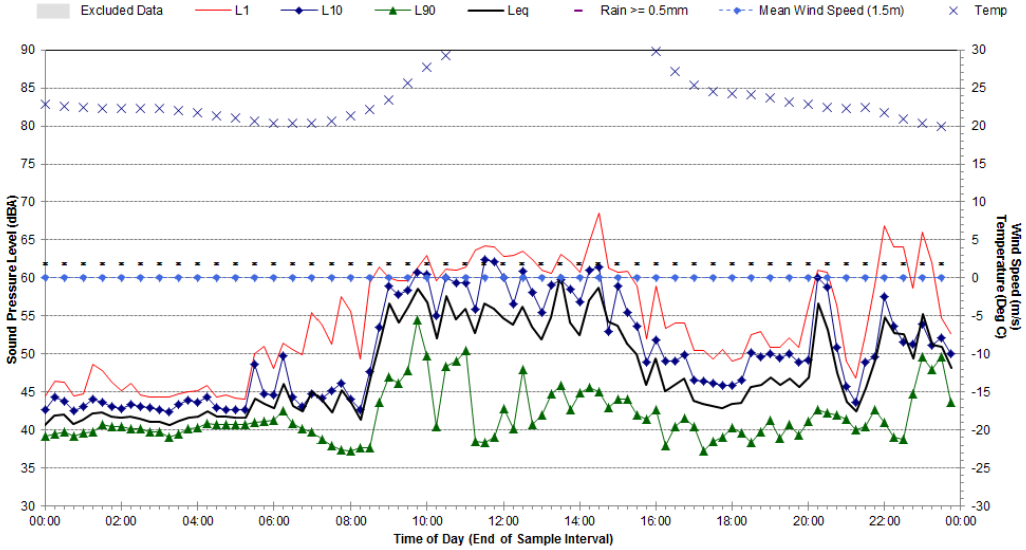

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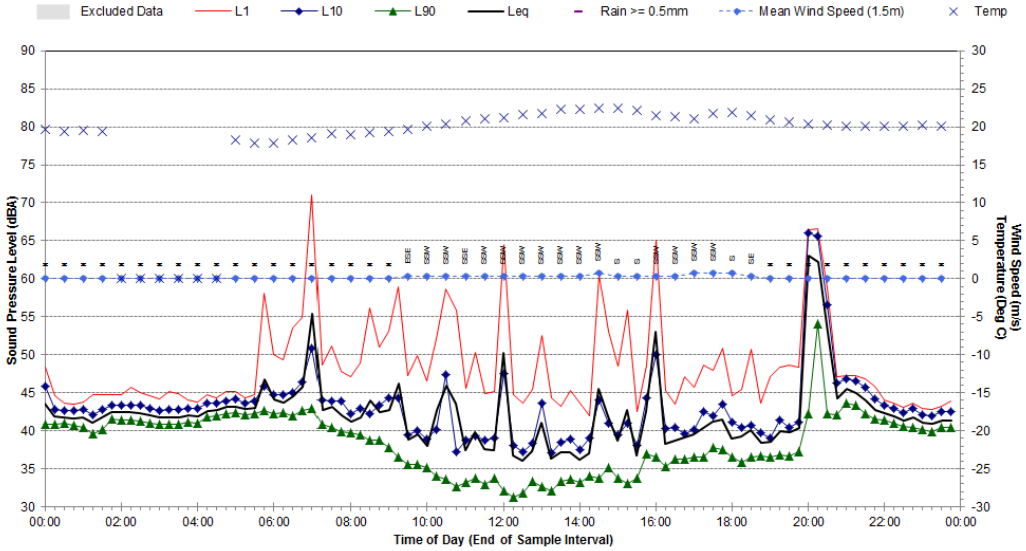

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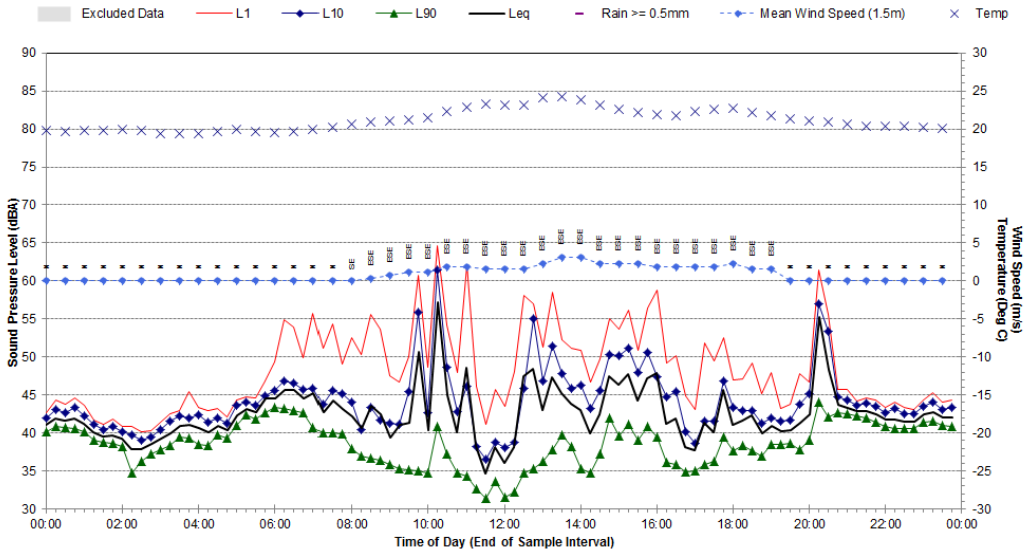

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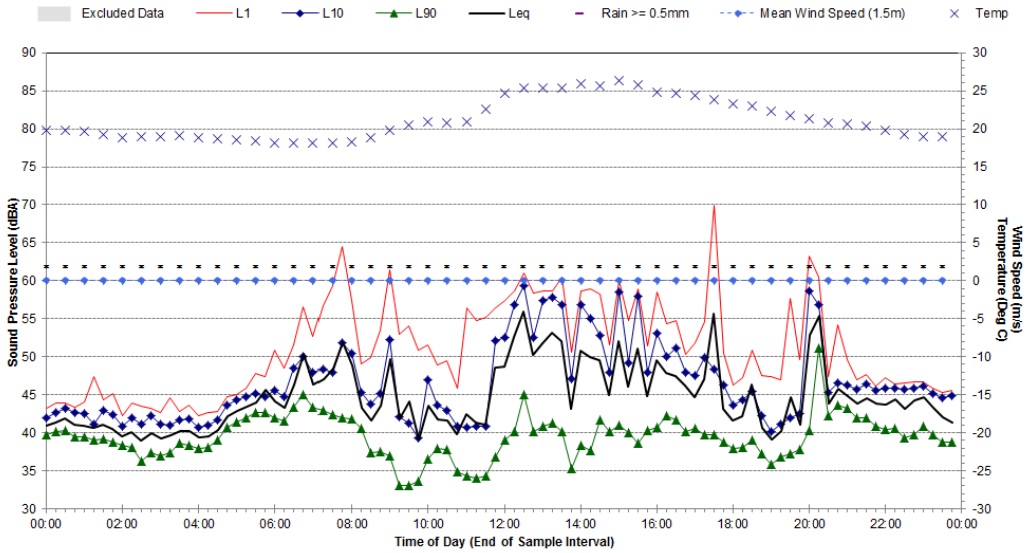

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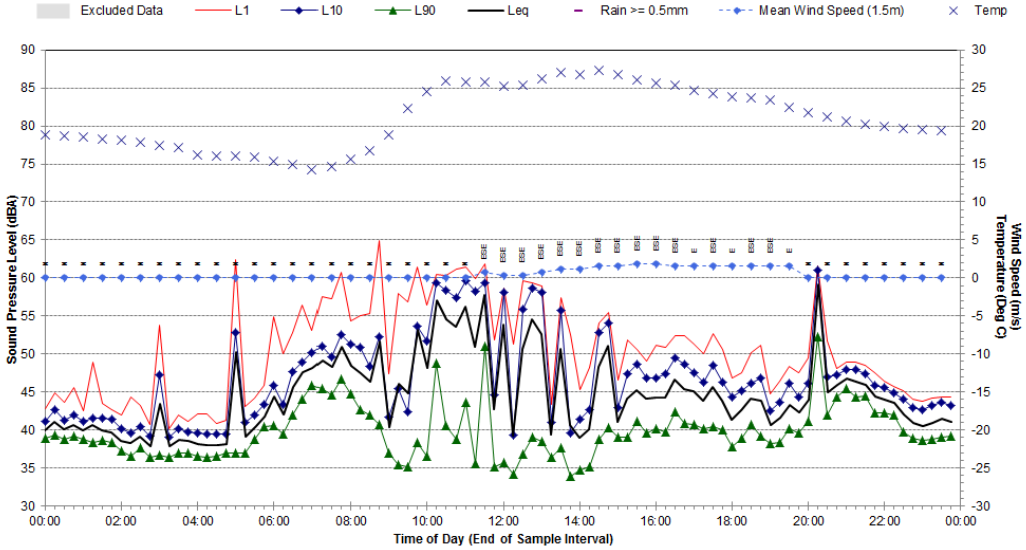

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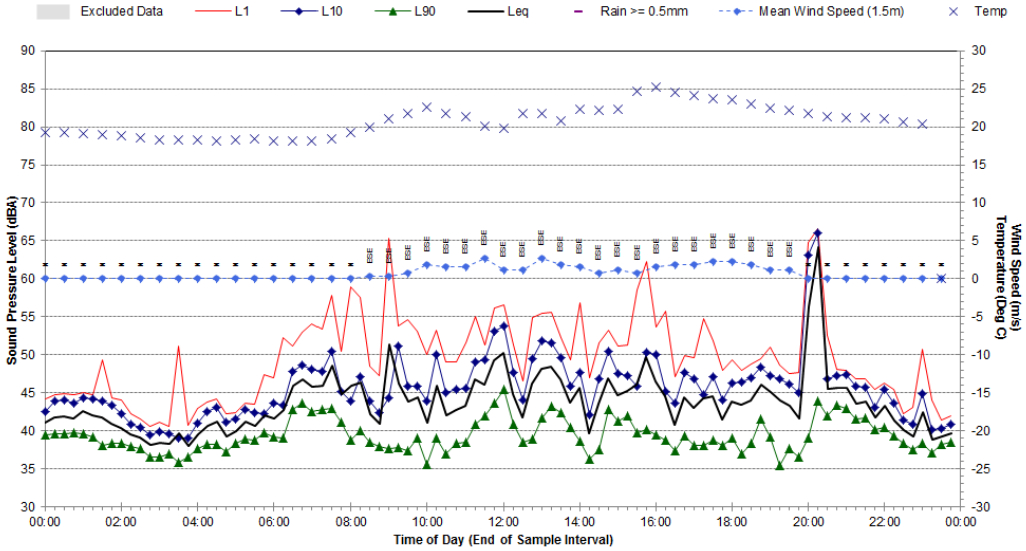

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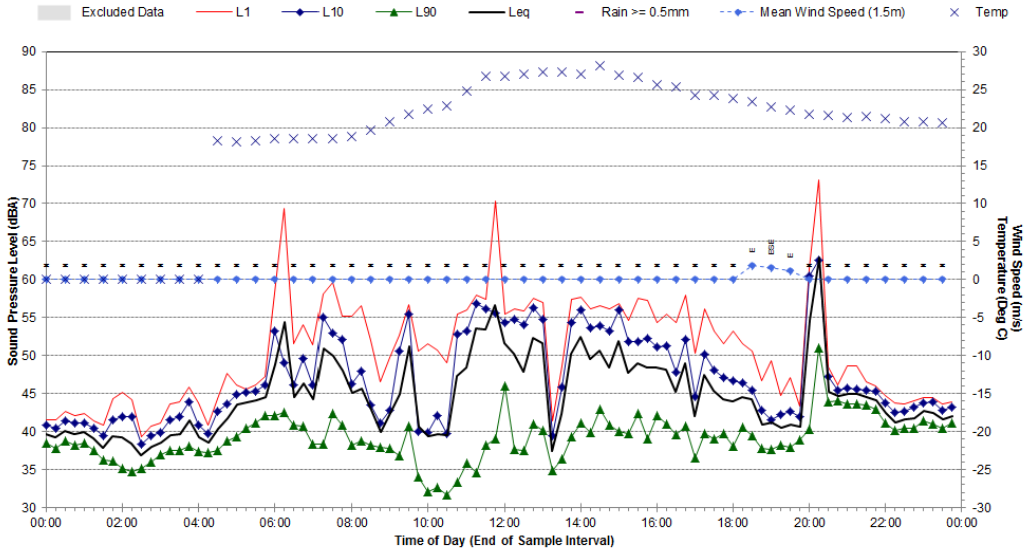

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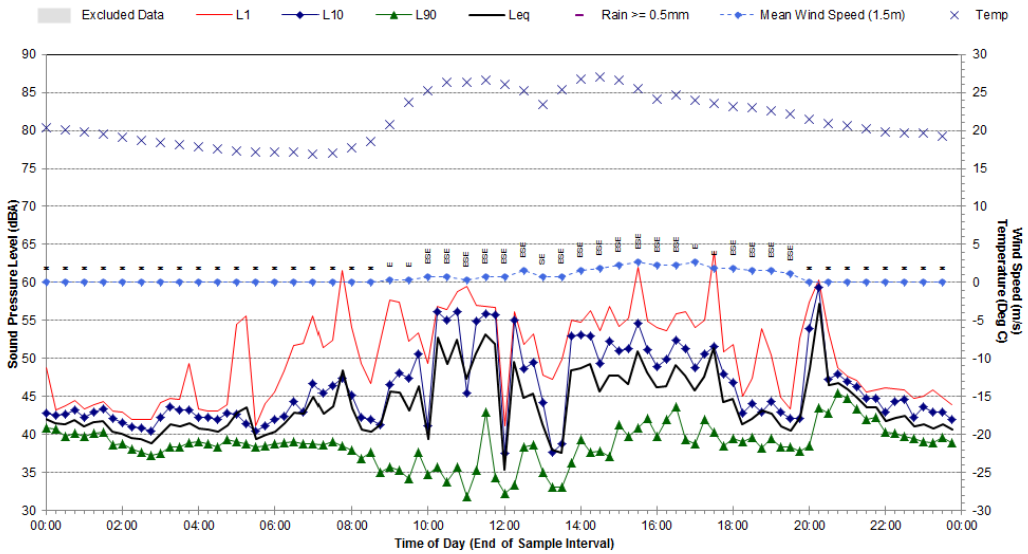

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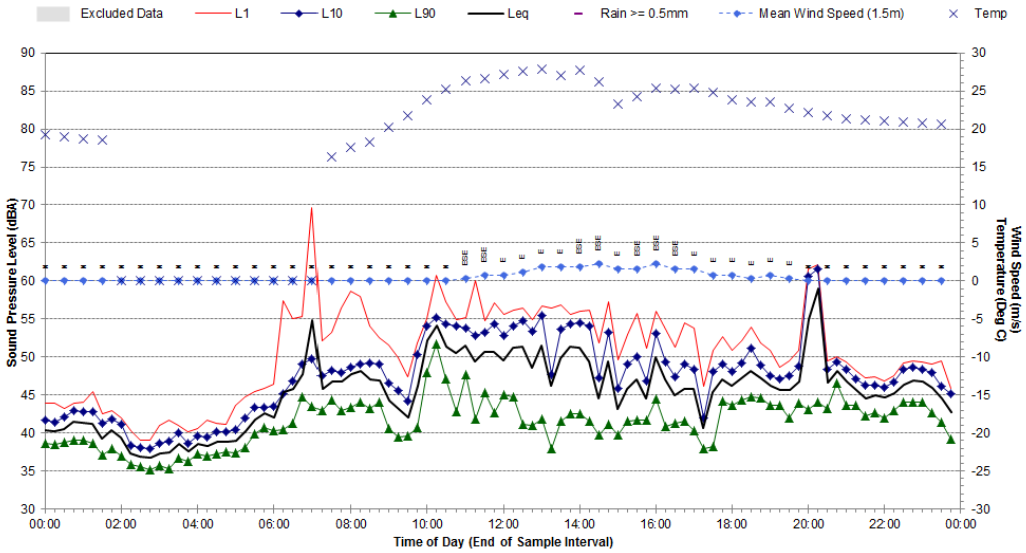

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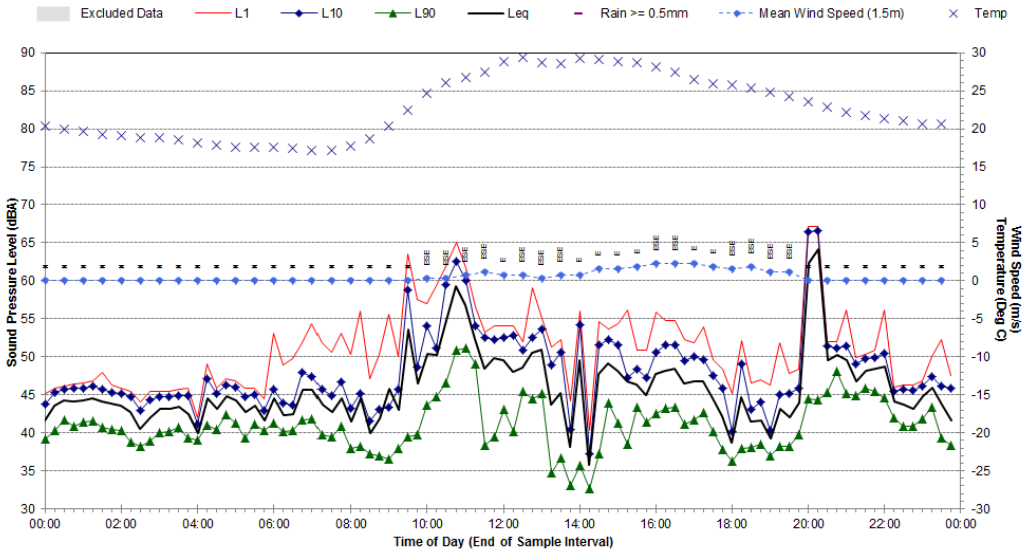

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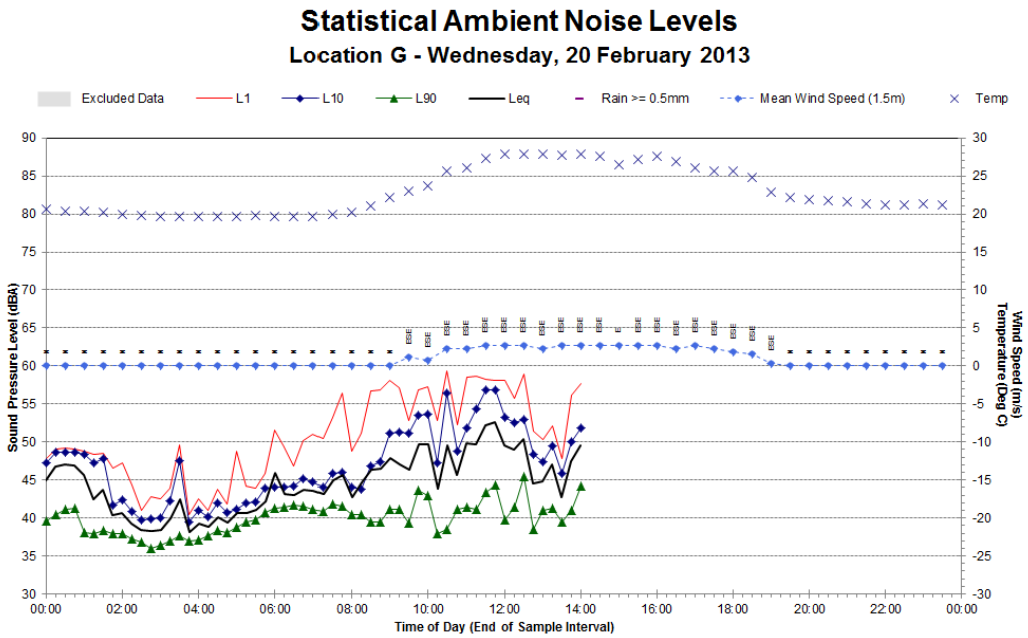

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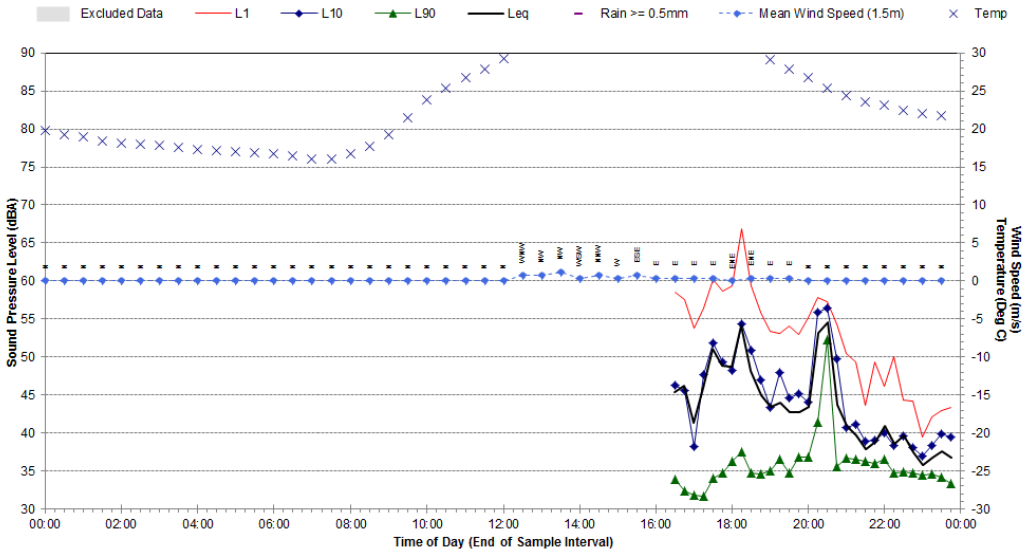

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