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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd has commissioned SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) to conduct half-yearly noise monitoring surveys for the Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine during the December 2021 half in accordance with the *Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Underground Coal Mine - Noise Management Plan Care and Maintenance* (the NMP) dated 3 June 2019.

1.2 Objectives of this Report

The objectives of the noise monitoring survey for this operating half-year were as follows:

- Measure the ambient noise levels at six 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.

1.3 Acoustic Terminology

The following report uses specialist acoustic terminology. An explanation of common terms is provided in **Appendix A**.

2 Development Consent Project Approval

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 (EP&A Act).

Project Approval (Application No. 05_0136) granted by the Minister of Planning was obtained by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd for Abel Coal Mine in 2007.

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:*

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

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 than 30 metres from the dwelling), shall not exceed the following noise limits:

Location	LA10(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 Coal Mine Project Approval:

- Extraction of up to 6.1 Mtpa of Run of Mine (ROM) coal from the Abel Underground Coal Mine.
- Transport coal to the existing Bloomfield Coal Handling and Preparation Plant by private haul roads, or by coal conveyor, or by a combination of both methods.
- Operate the Bloomfield Coal Handling Processing Plant (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 Project Approval was modified in June 2010 (05_0136 MOD 1) allowing construction and operation of a downcast ventilation fan. In May 2011 the Project Approval was modified again (05_0136 MOD 2) to allow the construction and operation of an upcast ventilation fan (and associated facilities). In December 2013 the Project Approval was further modified (05_0136 MOD3) to account for the increase in coal extracted including the upgrade of the Bloomfield CHPP.

Consent Conditions

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

Schedule 4

NOISE

Operational Noise Criteria

1. The Proponent shall ensure that the noise generated by the Project does not exceed the criteria in Table 4 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 4: Operational Noise Criteria dB(A)

Location	Receiver Area	Day	Evening	Night	
		LAeq(15minute)	LAeq(15minute)	LAeq(15minute)	LA1(1minute)
Location I	Lord Howe Drive, Ashtonfield	36	36	36	45
Location K	Catholic Diocese Land	37	37	37	45
Location L	Kilshanny Avenue, Ashtonfield	40	40	40	47
All other Locations	All other privately owned Residences	35	35	35	45

Notes:

- To interpret the locations referred to in Table 4, see plan in Appendix 3.
- Noise generated by the project is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements, and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions), of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. Appendix 4 sets out the meteorological conditions under which these criteria apply, and the requirements for evaluating compliance with these criteria.

These noise criteria do not apply if the Proponent has an Agreement with the relevant landowner to generate higher noise levels, and the proponent has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Construction Noise Criteria

1. The proponent shall ensure that the noise generated during the construction of the downcast ventilation shaft as described in EA (MOD3) does not exceed the criteria in Table 5.

Table 5: Construction Noise Criteria dB(A)

Location	Receiver	Day
		LAeq(15minute)
Location R	281 Lings Road, Buttai	50
Location S	189 Lings Road, Buttai	43

Notes:

- The criteria in Table 5 apply only whilst the downcast ventilation shaft is being constructed, and for a maximum of 12 weeks from the commencement of construction.
- To interpret the locations referred to in Table 5, see plan in Appendix 3 (attached to this report as **Appendix A**).
- Noise generated by the project is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements, and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions), of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

However, these noise criteria do not apply if the Proponent has an Agreement with the relevant landowner to generate higher noise levels, and the proponent has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Rail Noise Criteria

1. The proponent shall ensure that the noise from rail movements on the Bloomfield Rail Spur does not exceed the limits in Table 6 at any residence on privately owned land.

Table 6: Rail Spur noise criteria dB (A)

Location	Day	Evening	Night
	LAeq(period)		
All privately-owned land	55	45	40

Cumulative Noise Criteria

1. The proponent shall implement all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the noise generated by the project combined with noise generated by other mines does not exceed the criteria in Table 7 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 7: Cumulative noise criteria dB (A)

Location	Day	Evening	Night
	LAeq(period)		
All privately-owned land	55	45	40

Notes: Cumulative noise is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements, and exemptions (including meteorological conditions), of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. Appendix 4 sets out the metrological conditions under which these criteria apply and the requirements for evaluating compliance with these criteria.

Operating Conditions

1. *The proponent shall:*
 - a. *Implement best management practise to minimise the construction, operational, road and rail noise of the project;*
 - b. *Operate an on-site noise management system to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this approval;*
 - c. *Minimise the noise impacts of the project during meteorological conditions under which the noise limits in this consent do not apply (see Appendix 4);*
 - d. *Only receive and/or dispatch locomotives and rolling stock either on or from the site that are approved to operate on the NSW rail network in accordance with the noise limits in ARTC's EPL (No. 3142);*
 - e. *Carry out regular monitoring to determine whether the project is complying with the noise criteria and other relevant conditions of approval, to the satisfaction of the Director-General.*

Noise Management Plan

2. *The proponent shall prepare and implement a Noise Management Plan for the project to the satisfaction of the Director-General. This plan must:*
 - a. *Be prepared in consultation with the EPA, and be submitted to the Director-General for approval within 6 months of the date of approval of MOD 3;*
 - b. *Describe the measures that would be implemented to ensure compliance with the noise criteria and operating conditions in this approval; Describe the proposed noise management system in detail; and*
 - c. *Include a monitoring program that:*
 - *Uses attended monitoring to evaluate the compliance of the project against the noise criteria in this approval;*
 - *Evaluates and reports on:*
 - *The effectiveness of the on-site noise management system; and*
 - *Compliance against the noise operating conditions; and*

Defines what constitutes a noise incident, and includes protocol for identifying and notifying the Department and relevant stakeholders of any noise incidents. Appendix 4

Noise Compliance Assessment

Applicable Meteorological Conditions

1. *The noise criteria in Tables 4 and 7 are to apply under all metrological conditions except the following:*
 - a. *During periods of rain or hail.*
 - b. *Average wind speed at microphone height exceeds 5 m/s;*
 - c. *Wind speeds greater than 3 m/s measured at 10m above ground level; or*
 - d. *Temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100m.*

Determination of metrological conditions

2. *Except for wind speed at microphone height, the data to be used for determining metrological conditions shall be that recorded by the meteorological station located on the site.*

Compliance monitoring

3. *Attended monitoring is to be used to evaluate compliance with the relevant conditions of this approval.*
4. *Unless otherwise agreed with the director-general, this monitoring is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant requirements for reviewing performance set out in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (as amended from time to time), in particular the requirements relating to:*
 - a. *Monitoring locations for the collection of representative noise data;*
 - b. *Metrological conditions during which collection of noise data is not appropriate;*
 - c. *Equipment used to collect noise data, and conformity with Australian Standards relevant to such equipment; and*
 - d. *Modification to noise data collected, including for the exclusion of extraneous noise and/or penalties for modifying factors apart from adjustments for duration.*

Appendix 5

Statement of Commitments

3. Noise

3.1 Construction Activities

The following noise control measures will be implemented prior to commencement of construction of the Abel Underground Mine or the upgrade of the Bloomfield CHPP.

1. *Maintain all machinery and equipment in working order;*
 - a. *No construction activities at the Abel pit top will take place on Sundays or Public Holidays;*
 - b. *Where possible locate noisy site equipment behind structures that act as barriers or at the greatest distance from noise sensitive areas; and*
 - c. *Orientate equipment so that noise emissions are directed away from noise sensitive areas.*

3.2 Noise Control Measures

- a. *The following noise control measures will be implemented prior to the mining of coal from the Abel underground Mine:*
 - i. *Orientation of the ventilation fans away from residential receivers and angle the output parallel to the ground.*
 - ii. *The sound power level of the front end loader to be used near the portal should not exceed 113 dBA and will be fitted with a noise sensitive reversing alarm.*
- b. *The following noise control measures will be implemented prior to the Bloomfield CHPP receiving any ROM coal from Able Underground Mine;*

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- i. *Noise mitigation works including partial enclosure and noise screening of drives and conveyors of the Bloomfield CHPP to screen residences to the north of the site.*

3.2 Monitoring

The Company will implement a Noise Monitoring Program 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.

3.4 Continuous Improvement

The Company shall:

- a. *Report on these investigations and implementation of any new noise mitigation measures on site in the AEMR, to the satisfaction of the Director General.*

The operator of the Bloomfield CHPP shall:

- b. *Investigate ways to reduce the noise generated by the Bloomfield CHPP, including maximum noise levels which may result in sleep disturbance;*
- c. *Implement all reasonable and feasible best practice noise mitigation measures on the site; and*
- d. *Report on these investigations and the implementation of any new noise mitigation measures on site in the AEMR, to the satisfaction of the Director-General.*

3 Noise Monitoring 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), the NMP and AS 1055-2018 *Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise*.

All acoustic instrumentation employed throughout the monitoring program has been designed to comply with the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1 – 2004 *Electroacoustics—Sound level meters – Specifications*, AS IEC 61672.2-2004, AS IEC 61672.3-2004 and carried current NATA or manufacturer calibration certificates. Certificates for acoustic instrumentation used during the December 2021 half is provided in **Appendix B**.

Instrument calibration was conducted before and after each measurement, with the variation in calibrated levels not exceeding ± 0.5 dBA.

3.2 Monitoring Locations

Baseline and preceding operational half-yearly 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 six focus locations that represent the potentially most noise affected areas from Donaldson Mine and Abel Coal Mine. The details of the monitoring locations are contained within **Table 1**.

It is relevant to note that Donaldson Open Cut Mine has ceased production and all major earthworks on the site have been finalised. Furthermore, Abel mine was placed in Care & Maintenance on 28th April 2016 and there were no operations onsite during the December 2021 noise monitoring period.

Table 1 Monitoring Locations

Noise Monitoring Location	Description
D	Black Hill School, Black Hill
F	Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill
G	156 Buchannan Road, Buchannan
I	Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield
J	Parish Drive, Thornton
L	65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield

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

3.3 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring

An environmental noise logger was deployed for a minimum of a seven day period between Monday 13 December 2021 to Thursday 30 December 2021 at each of the six (6) 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.

3.4 Operator Attended Noise Monitoring

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

4 Operator Attended Noise Monitoring

4.1 Results of Operator Attended Noise Monitoring

Operator attended noise measurements were conducted during the evening period on Monday 13 December 2021, the night period during Monday 13 December 2021 and Tuesday 14 December 2021, and the daytime period on Thursday 23 December 2021. Operator attended noise surveys were conducted using a Brüel & Kjær Type 2270 (serial number 2679354).

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 and 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 the Abel Coal Mine and are stated only when a contribution could be quantified.

Table 2 Location D, Black Hill Public School, Black Hill

Period	Date/ Start time/Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 12:20 21°C 0.7 m/s S	75	68	56	41	55	Birdsong 45-63 Road traffic 40-75 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 19:02 20°C 1.3 m/s SE	73	58	48	38	49	Road traffic 39-73 Birdsong 42-61 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	13/12/2021 22:31 16°C 0.7 m/s S	58	50	49	46	47	Insects 44-53 Road traffic 40-47 Birdsong 58 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

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

Period	Date/ Start time/Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 12:42 22°C 0.5 m/s SE	70	63	54	43	52	Road traffic 43-70 Birdsong 40-48 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 19:21 19°C 1.1 m/s SE	71	61	53	41	51	Insects 38-44 Road traffic 42-71 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	13/12/2021 22:51 16°C 1 m/s S	64	56	50	43	48	Road traffic 30-63 Insects 42-50 Bats 64 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

Table 4 Location G, Buchanan Road, Buchanan

Period	Date/ Start time/ Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 14:04 23°C 0.6 m/s SSE	62	56	51	44	49	Road traffic 40-55 Insects 32-35 Birdsong 42-62 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 20:25 16°C 0.6 m/s S	73	67	54	43	48	Road traffic 40-48 Insects 43-47 Birdsong 52-73 Other industry 33-44 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	14/12/2021 00:15 16°C 0.4 m/s SW	49	47	44	37	41	Road traffic 35-49 Insects 36-46 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

Table 5 Location I, Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield

Period	Date/ Start time/Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 14:53 22°C 1 m/s ESE	75	63	48	37	51	Road traffic 36-75 Birdsong 41-57 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 21:15 16°C 0.6 m/s SSE	59	49	46	42	44	Traffic 40-59 Insects 40-49 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	14/12/2021 01:06 16°C 0.4 m/s SSW	48	43	40	35	38	Traffic 30-36 Insects/Frogs 35-45 Dog barking 48 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

Table 6 Location J, Parish Drive, Thornton

Period	Date/ Start time/Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 15:17 23°C 0.9 m/s SE	68	60	51	41	49	Road traffic 40-47 Insects 35-41 Birdsong 46-68 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 21:45 16°C 0.2 m/s SSE	50	47	45	39	43	Insects 39-50 Road traffic 35-45 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	13/12/2021 22:02 16°C 0.7 m/s S	50	48	46	39	43	Insects 40-50 Road traffic 35-44 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

Table 7 Location L, 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield

Period	Date/ Start time/ Weather	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)					Description of Noise Emission, Typical Maximum Noise Levels (L _{Amax} – dBA)
		L _{Amax}	L _{A1}	L _{A10}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	
Day	23/12/2021 14:32 22°C 0.8 m/s S	73	65	50	35	51	Road traffic 40-73 Birdsong 46-60 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Evening	13/12/2021 20:53 17°C 0.6 m/s SSE	72	60	42	34	47	Road traffic 40-72 Residential noise 42-50 Insects 34-39 Other industry 25-32 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					
Night	14/12/2021 00:44 17°C 0.3 m/s SW	68	43	35	31	40	Road traffic 42-68 Insects 30-35 Abel Mine Inaudible
		Estimated Abel Mine Noise Contribution Inaudible					

4.2 Operator Attended Noise Monitoring Summary

4.2.1 Donaldson Mine

Donaldson Open Cut Mine has ceased production and all major earthworks on the site have been finalised. Therefore, compliance noise monitoring for the Donaldson Open Cut Mine is no longer required.

4.2.2 Abel Coal Mine

Abel mine was placed in Care & Maintenance on 28th April 2016 and there were no operations onsite, excluding that from the Bloomfield CHPP which operates under the Abel Coal Mine project consent conditions.

The Bloomfield CHPP and stockpile area were inaudible during all operator attended noise surveys. Noise generated by local and distant traffic was a significant contributor to ambient noise levels at all monitored locations as well as 'natural' noises such as birds, insects and wind related noise.

4.3 Compliance Assessment and Discussion of Results

4.3.1 Operations

Results of the operational compliance assessment are given in **Table 8**.

Table 8 Compliance Noise Assessment - Operations

Location	Estimated Abel LAeq(15minute) Contribution dBA			Consent Conditions			Compliance		
	Day	Eve	Night	Day	Eve	Night	Day	Eve	Night
D – Black Hill School, Black Hill	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
F – Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
G – Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
I – Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	36	36	36	Yes	Yes	Yes
J – Parish Drive, Thornton	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
L – 65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield	Inaudible	Inaudible	Inaudible	40	40	40	Yes	Yes	Yes

Results presented in **Table 8** indicate that compliance with the relevant consent conditions was achieved at all noise monitoring locations during all periods.

4.3.2 Sleep Disturbance

Results of the sleep disturbance compliance assessment are given in **Table 9**.

Table 9 Compliance Noise Assessment – Sleep Disturbance

Location	Estimated Bloomfield LA1(1minute) Contribution dBA	Consent Conditions LA1(1minute) dBA	Compliance
D – Black Hill School, Black Hill	Inaudible	45	Yes
F – Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Inaudible	45	Yes
G – Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Inaudible	45	Yes
I – Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Inaudible	45	Yes
J – Parish Drive, Thornton	Inaudible	45	Yes
L – 65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield	Inaudible	47	Yes

Results presented in **Table 9** indicate that compliance with the sleep disturbance consent conditions was achieved at all noise monitoring locations during the night-time noise surveys.

5 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring

5.1 Results of Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring

Unattended continuous noise monitoring was conducted between Monday 13 December 2021 to Thursday 30 December 2021 at each of the six monitoring locations given in **Table 10**.

Table 10 Noise Logger and Noise Monitoring Locations

Location	Noise Logger Serial Number	Date of Logging
D – Black Hill School, Black Hill	ARL 316 16-306-044	23/12/2021 to 30/12/2021
F – Black Hill Road, Black Hill	ARL 316 16-306-044	13/12/2021 to 23/12/2021
G – Buchanan Road, Buchanan	ARL 316 16-306-047	13/12/2021 to 23/12/2021
I – Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	ARL EL316 16-306-040	23/12/2021 to 30/12/2021
L – 65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield	ARL 316 16-306-047	23/12/2021 to 30/12/2021
J – Parish Drive, Thornton	ARL 316 16-207-043	23/12/2021 to 30/12/2021

The unattended ambient noise logger data from each monitoring location are presented graphically on a daily basis and are attached as **Appendix C**. A summary of the results of the unattended continuous noise monitoring is given in **Table 11**. Due to a technical logger error no data is available for Location J.

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 Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI).

Precautions were 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 Bloomfield Colliery. Noise data during periods of any rainfall and/or wind speeds in excess of 5 m/s were discarded in accordance with NPfI weather affected data exclusion methodology.

Table 11 Unattended Continuous Noise Monitoring Ambient Noise Levels (dBA)

Location	Period	Primary Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPA)			
		LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	64	53	36	53
	Evening	59	48	37	53
	Night	51	48	35	47
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	74	56	43	61
	Evening	61	52	40	53
	Night	57	51	36	53
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	56	48	39	49
	Evening	51	46	37	46
	Night	45	41	31	46
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	59	49	38	51
	Evening	58	48	38	61
	Night	52	48	40	49
L 65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield	Day	58	46	32	48
	Evening	58	47	32	49
	Night	48	40	30	44

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

5.2.1 Ambient LA90 Noise Levels

The long term ambient LA90 noise levels collected from each monitoring location are presented graphically in **Figure 1**, **Figure 2** and **Figure 3** for the daytime, evening and night-time periods respectively.

Figure 1 Long Term Daytime LA90 Noise Levels

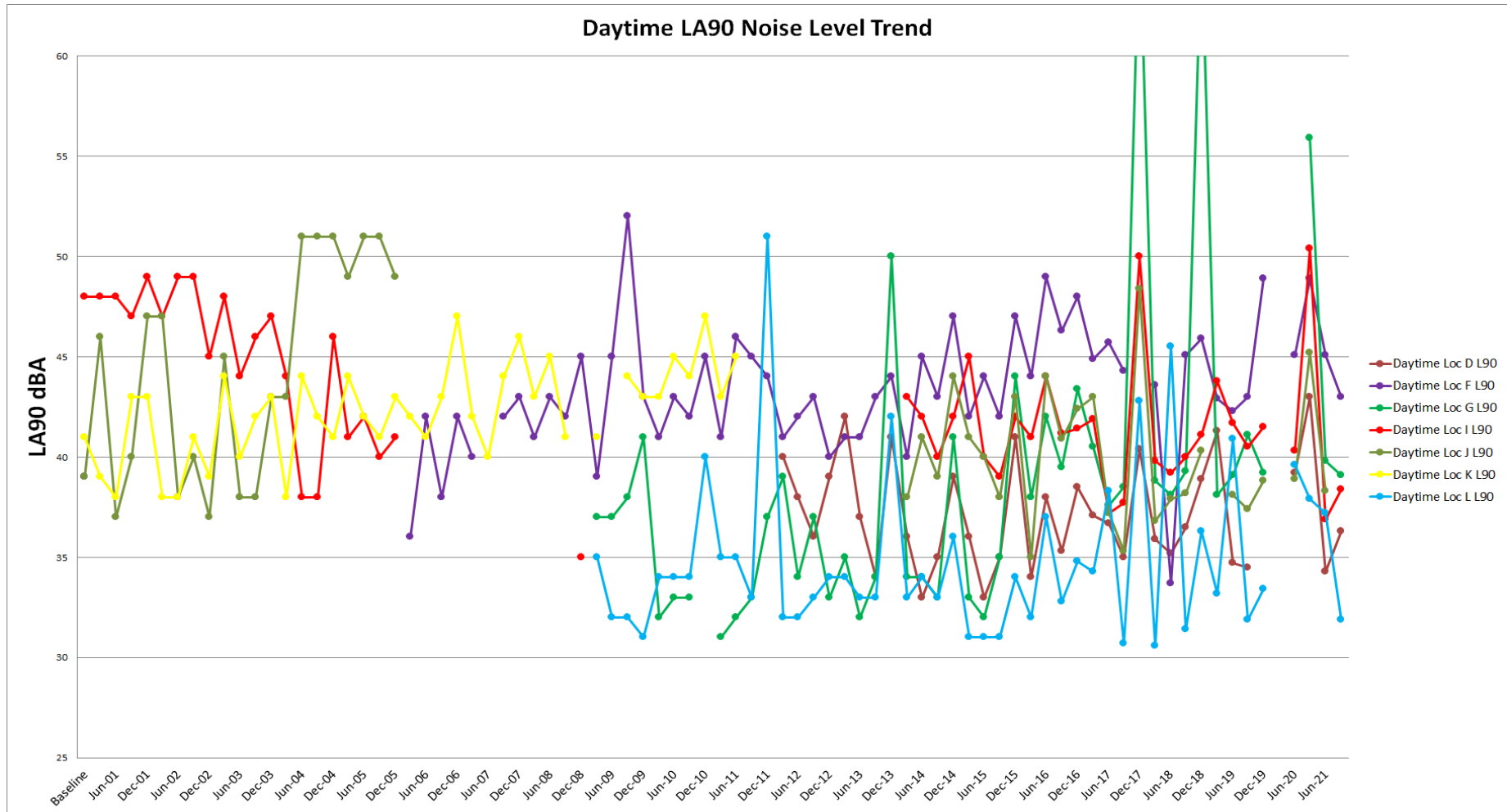


Figure 2 Long Term Evening LA90 Noise Levels

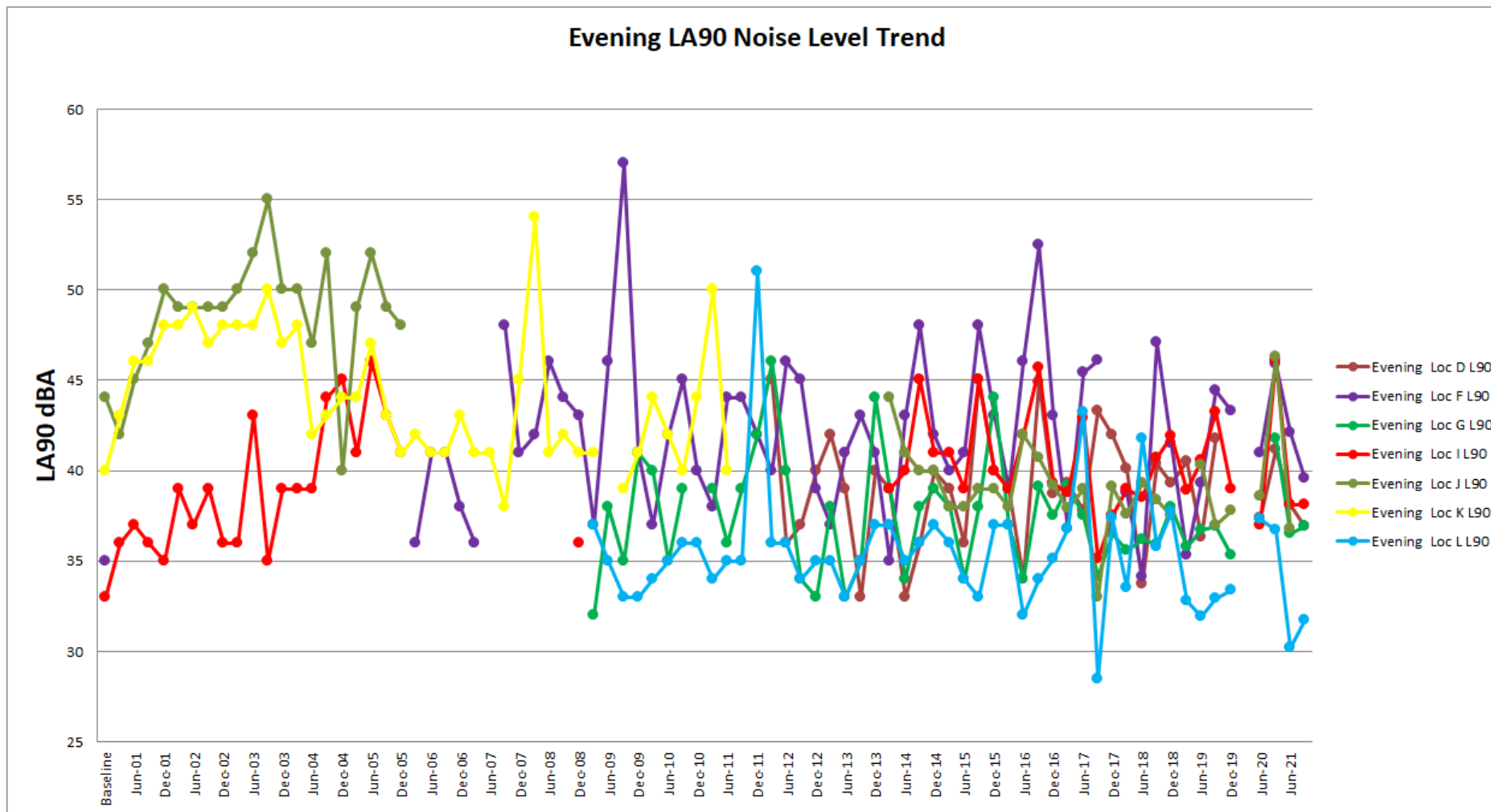
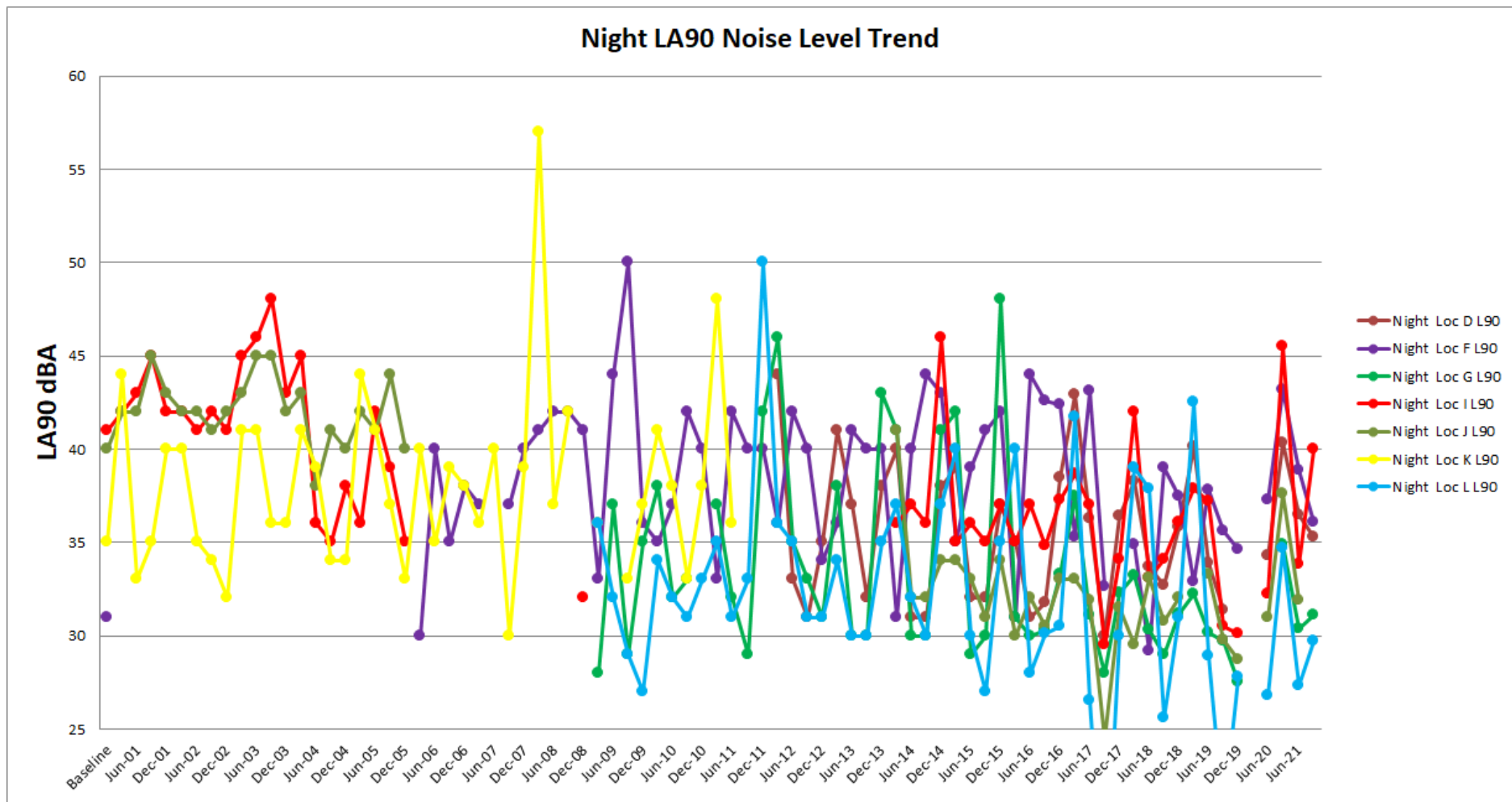


Figure 3 Long Term Night-time LA90 Noise Levels



5.2.1.1 Baseline

The summary of results in **Table 12** shows the ambient LA90 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to the levels recorded during the baseline monitoring process (ie. prior to commencement of mining operation at Donaldson).

Table 12 LA90 Results Comparison - Baseline

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA90 Noise Levels		Difference dB ³
		Baseline	December 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	N/A ²	36	N/A ²
	Evening	N/A ²	37	N/A ²
	Night	N/A ²	35	N/A ²
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	39	43	4
	Evening	35	40	5
	Night	31	36	5
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	N/A ²	39	N/A ²
	Evening	N/A ²	37	N/A ²
	Night	N/A ²	31	N/A ²
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	48	38	-10
	Evening	33	38	5
	Night	41	40	-1
L 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	N/A ²	32	N/A ²
	Evening	N/A ²	32	N/A ²
	Night	N/A ²	30	N/A ²
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	39	-	- ⁴
	Evening	44	-	- ⁴
	Night	40	-	- ⁴

Note 1: Periods are as detailed the NPfl and are Daytime - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday; Evening - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm; Night - 10.00 pm to 7.00 am Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday.

Note 2: No data was available during baseline measurements, no comparisons can be made.

Note 3: Rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 4: No data for Location J for December 2021.

5.2.1.2 Previous Half-year

Table 13 presents the ambient LA10 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to those measured during the previous monitoring period.

Table 13 LA90 Results Comparison – Previous Half-year

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA10 Noise Levels		Difference dB ²
		July 2021	December 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	43	36	2
	Evening	41	37	-1
	Night	40	35	-1
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	49	43	-2
	Evening	46	40	-3
	Night	43	36	-3
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	56	39	-1
	Evening	42	37	0
	Night	35	31	1
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	50	38	2
	Evening	46	38	0
	Night	46	40	6
L 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	38	32	-5
	Evening	37	32	2
	Night	35	30	2
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	45	-	_ ³
	Evening	46	-	_ ³
	Night	38	-	_ ³

Note 1: 1. Periods are as detailed in the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) and are 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.

Note 2: Rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 3: No data for Location J for December 2021.

5.2.1.3 Coinciding Period last Year

Table 14 presents the ambient LA90 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to those measured during the coinciding monitoring period last year.

Table 14 LA90 Results Comparison – Coinciding Period Last Year

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA90 Noise Levels		Difference dB ²
		December 2020	December 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	39	36	-7
	Evening	37	37	-4
	Night	34	35	-5
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	45	43	-6
	Evening	41	40	-6
	Night	37	36	-7
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	0	39	-17
	Evening	0	37	-5
	Night	0	31	-4
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	40	38	-12
	Evening	37	38	-8
	Night	32	40	-6
L 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	40	32	-6
	Evening	37	32	-5
	Night	27	30	-5
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	39	-	_ ³
	Evening	39	-	_ ³
	Night	31	-	_ ³

Note 1: Periods are as detailed in the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) and are 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.

Note 2: Rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 3: No data for Location J for December 2021.

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 respectively.

Figure 4 Long Term Daytime LA10 Noise Levels

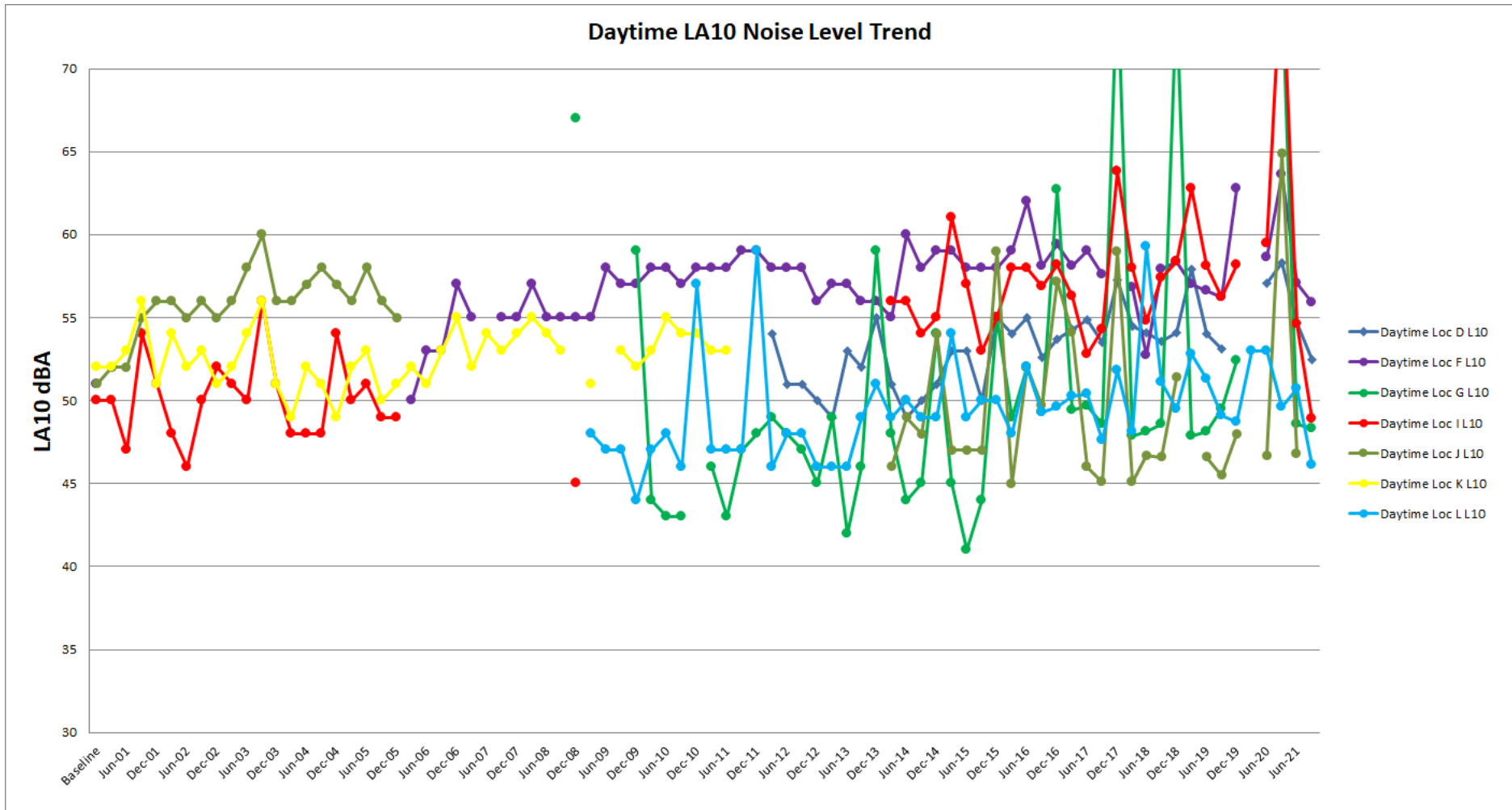


Figure 5 Long term Evening LA10 Noise Levels

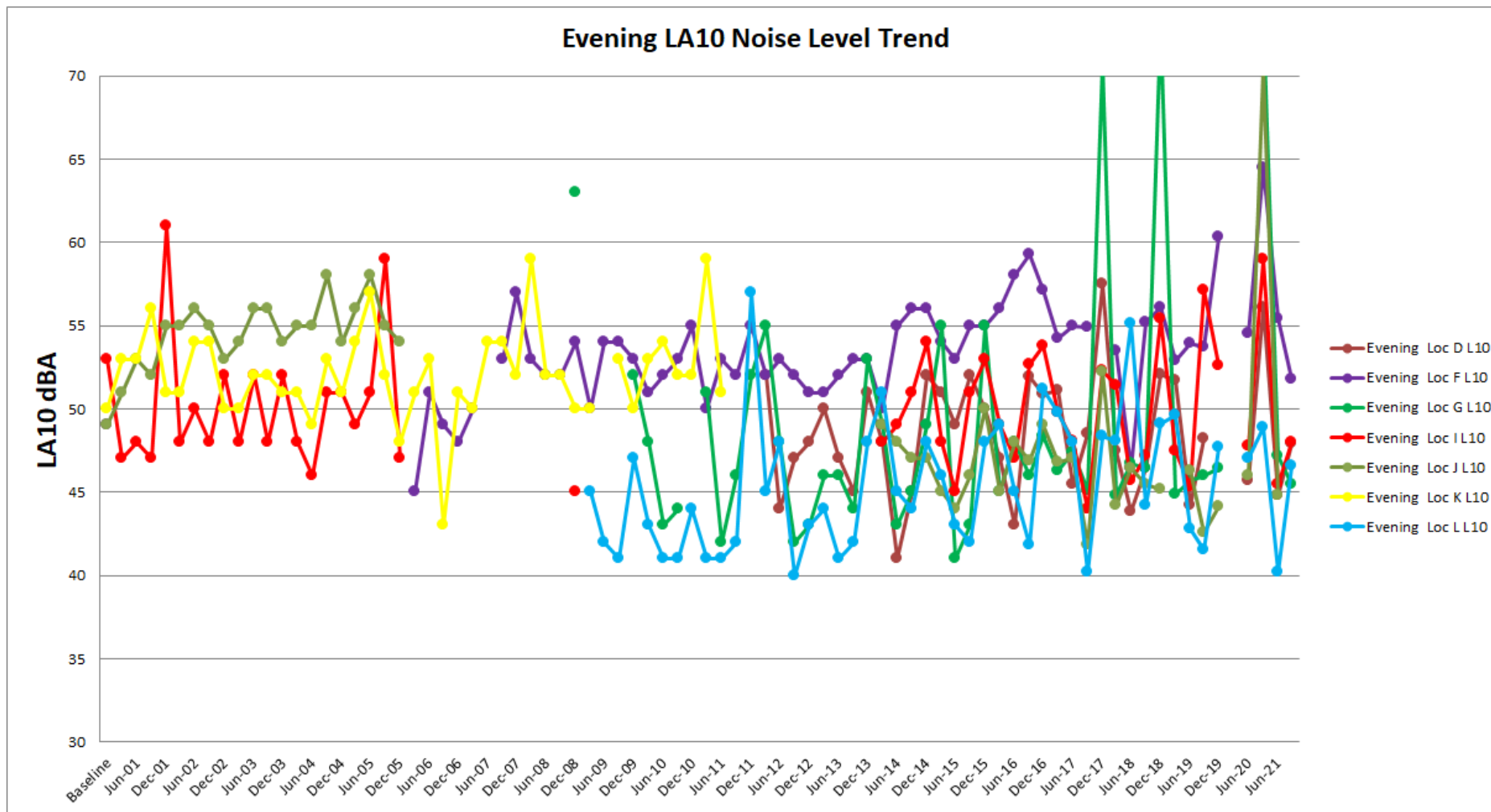
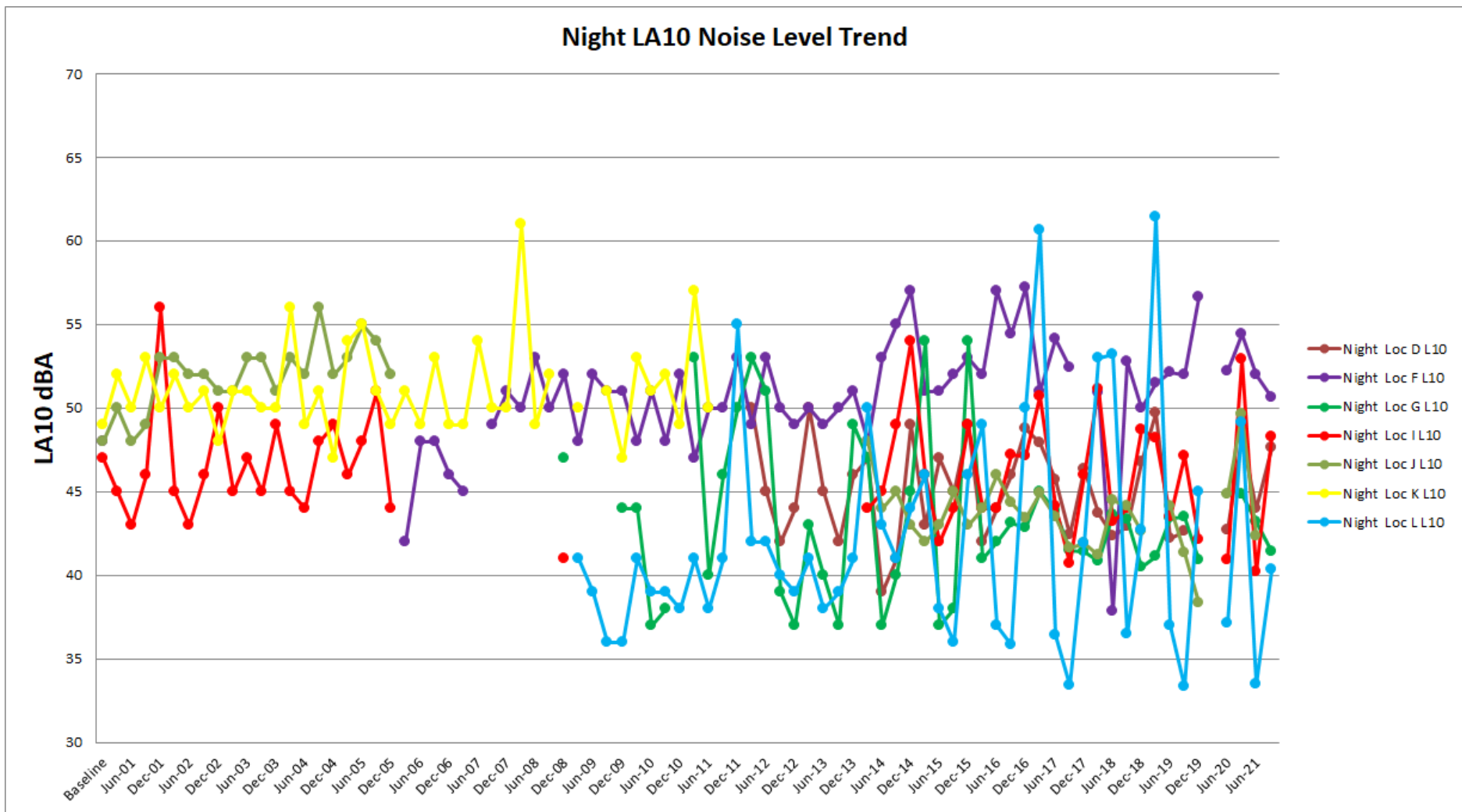


Figure 6 Long term Night LA10 Noise Levels



5.2.2.1 Baseline

Table 15 presents the ambient LA10 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to the levels recorded during the baseline monitoring period.

Table 15 LA10 Results Comparison – Baseline

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA10 Noise Levels		Difference dB ³
		Baseline	December 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	N/A ²	53	N/A
	Evening	N/A ²	48	N/A
	Night	N/A ²	48	N/A
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	51	56	5
	Evening	49	52	3
	Night	48	51	3
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	N/A ²	48	N/A
	Evening	N/A ²	46	N/A
	Night	N/A ²	41	N/A
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	50	49	-1
	Evening	53	48	-5
	Night	47	48	1
L 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	N/A ²	46	N/A
	Evening	N/A ²	47	N/A
	Night	N/A ²	40	N/A
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	51	-	- ⁴
	Evening	49	-	- ⁴
	Night	48	-	- ⁴

Note 1: Periods are as detailed in the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) and are Daytime - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday; Evening - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm; Night - 10.00 pm to 7.00 am Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday.

Note 2: No data was available during baseline measurements, no comparisons can be made.

Note 3: Difference rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 4: No data for Location J for December 2021.

5.2.2.2 Previous Half-year

Table 16 presents the ambient LA10 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to those measured during the previous monitoring period.

Table 16 LA10 Results Comparison – Previous Half-year

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA10 Noise Levels		Difference dB ²
		July 2021	December 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	55	53	-2
	Evening	45	48	3
	Night	44	48	4
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	57	56	-1
	Evening	55	52	-4
	Night	52	51	-1
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	49	48	0
	Evening	47	46	-2
	Night	43	41	-2
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	55	49	-6
	Evening	46	48	3
	Night	40	48	8
L 65 Tipperary Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	51	46	-5
	Evening	40	47	6
	Night	34	40	7
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	47	-	_ ³
	Evening	45	-	_ ³
	Night	42	-	_ ³

Note 1: Periods are as detailed in the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) and are Daytime - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday; Evening - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm; Night - 10.00 pm to 7.00 am Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday.

Note 2: Difference Rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 3: No data for Location J for December 2021.

5.2.2.3 Coinciding Period Last Year

Table 17 presents the ambient LA10 noise levels recorded for the current monitoring period compared to those measured during the coinciding monitoring period last year.

Table 17 LA10 Result Comparison – Coinciding Period Last Year

Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Long term Night-time LA10 Noise Levels		Difference dB ²
		June 2020	July 2021	
D Black Hill School, Black Hill	Day	58	53	-6
	Evening	56	48	-8
	Night	48	48	-1
F Lot 684 Black Hill Road, Black Hill	Day	64	56	-8
	Evening	65	52	-13
	Night	54	51	-4
G 156 Buchanan Road, Buchanan	Day	75	48	-27
	Evening	74	46	-28
	Night	45	41	-3
I 49 Magnetic Drive, Ashtonfield	Day	77	49	-28
	Evening	59	48	-11
	Night	53	48	-5
L 65 Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield	Day	50	46	-4
	Evening	49	47	-2
	Night	49	40	-9
J 220 Parish Drive, Thornton	Day	65	-	_ ³
	Evening	71	-	_ ³
	Night	50	-	_ ³

Note 1: Periods are as detailed in the Industrial Noise Policy (INP) and are Daytime - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Sunday; Evening - 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm; Night - 10.00 pm to 7.00 am Monday to Saturday, 10.00 pm to 8.00 am Sunday.

Note 2: Rounded to the nearest whole dB.

Note 3: No data for Location J for December 2021.

5.3 Rail Noise Monitoring

No rail movements were recorded over the noise monitoring period and as such noise levels from the Bloomfield Rail Spur were in compliance with the Abel Mine Project Approval during the noise monitoring period.

6 Conclusion

SLR was engaged by Donaldson Coal Pty Ltd to conduct half-yearly noise monitoring surveys for Donaldson Coal Mine and Abel Coal Mine in accordance with the NMP, dated 3 June 2019.

Abel mine was placed in Care & Maintenance on 28th April 2016 and there were no operations onsite, excluding that from the Bloomfield CHPP which operates under the Abel Coal Mine project consent conditions.

Operator-attended and unattended noise measurements were conducted for the December 2021 half at six focus locations surrounding the mine.

Abel portal operations and Bloomfield CHPP operations were not observed to be audible at any locations during the monitoring period. As such contributed noise levels from Abel Mine did not exceed noise emission goals and compliance with the Abel Mine *Project Approval* was indicated at all locations.

A comparison of ambient LA10 and LA90 noise levels recorded during the current monitoring period (December 2021), the baseline monitoring period, the last monitoring period (July 2021), and the coinciding monitoring period from last year (December 2020) has been conducted.

No rail movements were recorded over the noise monitoring period and as such noise levels from the Bloomfield Rail Spur were in compliance with the Abel Mine Project Approval during the noise monitoring period.

APPENDIX A

Acoustic Terminology

1. Sound Level or Noise Level

The terms ‘sound’ and ‘noise’ are almost interchangeable, except that ‘noise’ often refers to unwanted sound.

Sound (or noise) consists of minute fluctuations in atmospheric pressure. The human ear responds to changes in sound pressure over a very wide range with the loudest sound pressure to which the human ear can respond being ten million times greater than the softest. The decibel (abbreviated as dB) scale reduces this ratio to a more manageable size by the use of logarithms.

The symbols SPL, L or LP are commonly used to represent Sound Pressure Level. The symbol LA represents A-weighted Sound Pressure Level. The standard reference unit for Sound Pressure Levels expressed in decibels is 2×10^{-5} Pa.

2. ‘A’ Weighted Sound Pressure Level

The overall level of a sound is usually expressed in terms of dBA, which is measured using a sound level meter with an ‘A-weighting’ filter. This is an electronic filter having a frequency response corresponding approximately to that of human hearing.

People’s hearing is most sensitive to sounds at mid frequencies (500 Hz to 4,000 Hz), and less sensitive at lower and higher frequencies. Different sources having the same dBA level generally sound about equally loud.

A change of 1 dB or 2 dB in the level of a sound is difficult for most people to detect, whilst a 3 dB to 5 dB change corresponds to a small but noticeable change in loudness. A 10 dB change corresponds to an approximate doubling or halving in loudness. The table below lists examples of typical noise levels.

Sound Pressure Level (dBA)	Typical Source	Subjective Evaluation
130	Threshold of pain	Intolerable
120	Heavy rock concert	Extremely noisy
110	Grinding on steel	
100	Loud car horn at 3 m	Very noisy
90	Construction site with pneumatic hammering	Loud
80	Kerbside of busy street	
70	Loud radio or television	
60	Department store	Moderate to quiet
50	General Office	
40	Inside private office	Quiet to very quiet
30	Inside bedroom	
20	Recording studio	Almost silent

Other weightings (eg B, C and D) are less commonly used than A-weighting. Sound Levels measured without any weighting are referred to as ‘linear’, and the units are expressed as dB(lin) or dB.

3. Sound Power Level

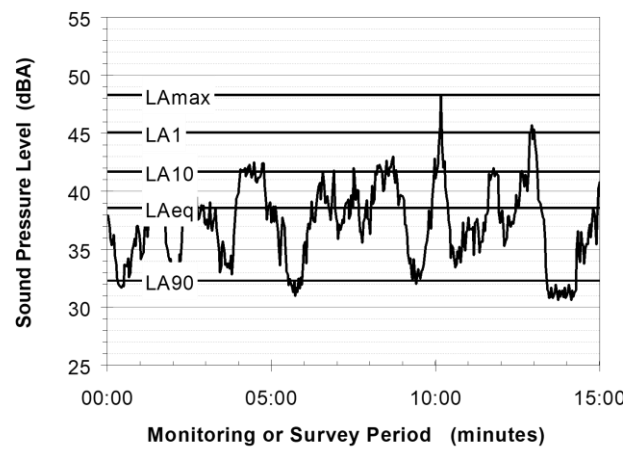
The Sound Power of a source is the rate at which it emits acoustic energy. As with Sound Pressure Levels, Sound Power Levels are expressed in decibel units (dB or dBA), but may be identified by the symbols SWL or LW, or by the reference unit 10^{-12} W.

The relationship between Sound Power and Sound Pressure is similar to the effect of an electric radiator, which is characterised by a power rating but has an effect on the surrounding environment that can be measured in terms of a different parameter, temperature.

4. Statistical Noise Levels

Sounds that vary in level over time, such as road traffic noise and most community noise, are commonly described in terms of the statistical exceedance levels LAN, where LAN is the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for N% of a given measurement period. For example, the LA1 is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time, LA10 the noise exceeded for 10% of the time, and so on.

The following figure presents a hypothetical 15 minute noise survey, illustrating various common statistical indices of interest.



Of particular relevance, are:

- LA1 The noise level exceeded for 1% of the 15 minute interval.
- LA10 The noise level exceeded for 10% of the 15 minute interval. This is commonly referred to as the average maximum noise level.
- LA90 The noise level exceeded for 90% of the sample period. This noise level is described as the average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration), or simply the background level.
- LAeq The A-weighted equivalent noise level (basically, the average noise level). It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

5. Frequency Analysis

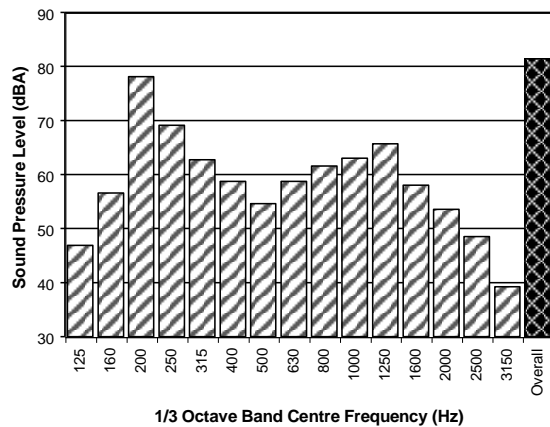
Frequency analysis is the process used to examine the tones (or frequency components) which make up the overall noise or vibration signal.

The units for frequency are Hertz (Hz), which represent the number of cycles per second.

Frequency analysis can be in:

- Octave bands (where the centre frequency and width of each band is double the previous band)
- 1/3 octave bands (three bands in each octave band)
- Narrow band (where the spectrum is divided into 400 or more bands of equal width)

The following figure shows a 1/3 octave band frequency analysis where the noise is dominated by the 200 Hz band. Note that the indicated level of each individual band is less than the overall level, which is the logarithmic sum of the bands.



6. Annoying Noise (Special Audible Characteristics)

A louder noise will generally be more annoying to nearby receivers than a quieter one. However, noise is often also found to be more annoying and result in larger impacts where the following characteristics are apparent:

- **Tonality** - tonal noise contains one or more prominent tones (ie differences in distinct frequency components between adjoining octave or 1/3 octave bands), and is normally regarded as more annoying than 'broad band' noise.
- **Impulsiveness** - an impulsive noise is characterised by one or more short sharp peaks in the time domain, such as occurs during hammering.
- **Intermittency** - intermittent noise varies in level with the change in level being clearly audible. An example would include mechanical plant cycling on and off.
- **Low Frequency Noise** - low frequency noise contains significant energy in the lower frequency bands, which are typically taken to be in the 10 to 160 Hz region.

7. Vibration

Vibration may be defined as cyclic or transient motion. This motion can be measured in terms of its displacement, velocity or acceleration. Most assessments of human response to vibration or the risk of damage to buildings use measurements of vibration velocity. These may be expressed in terms of 'peak' velocity or 'rms' velocity.

The former is the maximum instantaneous velocity, without any averaging, and is sometimes referred to as 'peak particle velocity', or PPV. The latter incorporates 'root mean squared' averaging over some defined time period.

Vibration measurements may be carried out in a single axis or alternatively as triaxial measurements (ie vertical, longitudinal and transverse).

The common units for velocity are millimetres per second (mm/s). As with noise, decibel units can also be used, in which case the reference level should always be stated. A vibration level V, expressed in mm/s can be converted to decibels by the formula $20 \log (V/V_0)$, where V_0 is the reference level (10^{-9} m/s). Care is required in this regard, as other reference levels may be used.

8. Human Perception of Vibration

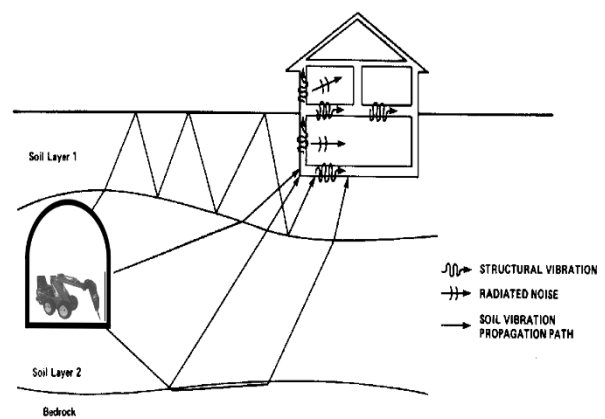
People are able to 'feel' vibration at levels lower than those required to cause even superficial damage to the most susceptible classes of building (even though they may not be disturbed by the motion). An individual's perception of motion or response to vibration depends very strongly on previous experience and expectations, and on other connotations associated with the perceived source of the vibration. For example, the vibration that a person responds to as 'normal' in a car, bus or train is considerably higher than what is perceived as 'normal' in a shop, office or dwelling.

9. Ground-borne Noise, Structure-borne Noise and Regenerated Noise

Noise that propagates through a structure as vibration and is radiated by vibrating wall and floor surfaces is termed 'structure-borne noise', 'ground-borne noise' or 'regenerated noise'. This noise originates as vibration and propagates between the source and receiver through the ground and/or building structural elements, rather than through the air.

Typical sources of ground-borne or structure-borne noise include tunnelling works, underground railways, excavation plant (eg rockbreakers), and building services plant (eg fans, compressors and generators).

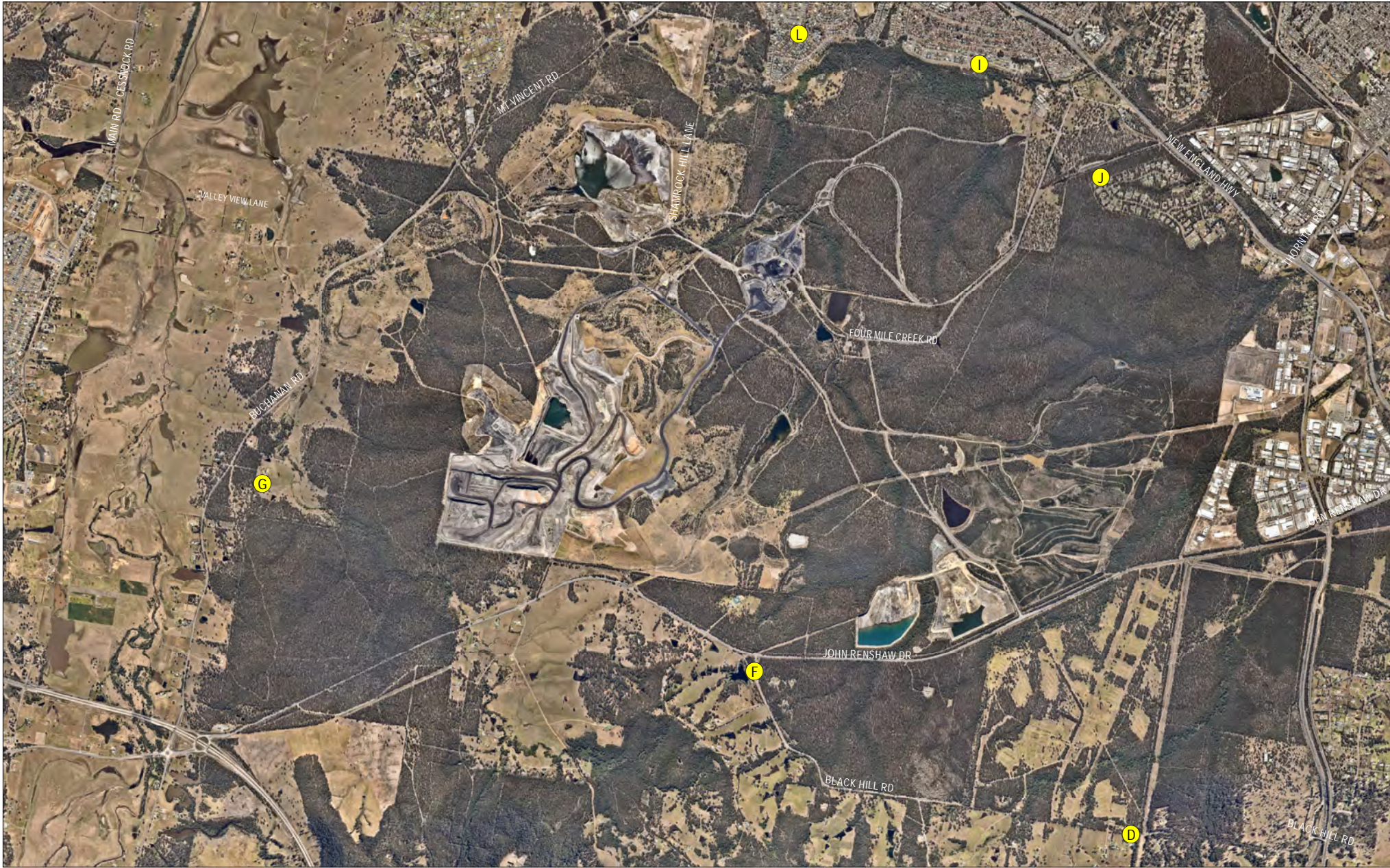
The following figure presents an example of the various paths by which vibration and ground-borne noise may be transmitted between a source and receiver for construction activities occurring within a tunnel.



The term 'regenerated noise' is also used in other instances where energy is converted to noise away from the primary source. One example would be a fan blowing air through a discharge grill. The fan is the energy source and primary noise source. Additional noise may be created by the aerodynamic effect of the discharge grill in the airstream. This secondary noise is referred to as regenerated noise.

APPENDIX B

Noise Monitoring Locations



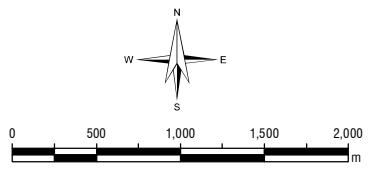
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APPENDIX C

Calibration Certificates

CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: SLM30625

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Meter

Manufacturer: B & K
Type No: 2270
Mic. Type: 4189
Pre-Amp. Type: ZC0032
Serial No: 2679354
Serial No: 2695417
Serial No: 12254
Filter Type: 1/3 Octave
Test No: FILT 6666

Owner: SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
120 High Street
North Sydney, NSW 2060

Tests Performed: IEC 61672-3:2013,
IEC 1260:1995, & AS/NZS 4476:1997
Comments: All Test passed for Class 1. (See overleaf for details)

CONDITIONS OF TEST:

Ambient Pressure	994 hPa ± 1 hPa	Date of Receipt :	17/09/2021
Temperature	24 $^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$	Date of Calibration :	21/09/2021
Relative Humidity	27 % $\pm 5\%$	Date of Issue :	21/09/2021

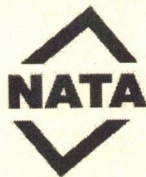
Acu-Vib Test Procedure: AVP10 (SLM) & AVP06 (Filters)

CHECKED BY:  **AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:** 

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The performance characteristics listed below were tested. The tests are based on the relevant clauses of IEC 61672-3:2013

Tests Performed:	<i>Clause</i>	<i>Result</i>
<i>Absolute Calibration</i>	10	Pass
<i>Acoustical Frequency Weighting</i>	12	Pass
<i>Self-Generated Noise</i>	11.1	Observed
<i>Electrical Noise</i>	11.2	Observed
<i>Long Term Stability</i>	15	Pass
<i>Electrical Frequency Weightings</i>	13	Pass
<i>Frequency and Time Weightings</i>	14	Pass
<i>Reference Level Linearity</i>	16	Pass
<i>Range Level Linearity</i>	17	Not Applicable
<i>Toneburst</i>	18	Pass
<i>Peak C Sound Level</i>	19	Pass
<i>Overload Indicator</i>	20	Pass
<i>High Level Stability</i>	21	Pass

Statement of Compliance: The sound level meter submitted for testing successfully completed the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:-2013, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the sound level meter to the full specifications of IEC 61672-1:-2013 because evidence was not publically available, from an independent testing organization responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the class 1 specifications in IEC 61672-1:-2013 and because the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:-2013 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61672-1:-2013.

This Sound Level Meter included an Octave Filter Set. Tests were based on IEC 1260: 1995 and AS/NZS 4476 - 1997 and were conducted to test the following performance characteristics:

1. Relative attenuation clause 5.3

A full technical report is available on request.



Sound Level Meter
AS 1259.1:1990 - AS 1259.2:1990
Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C21350

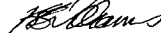
Client Details SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
Unit 5, 21 Parap Road
Parap NT 0820

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : ARL EL-316
Instrument Serial Number : 16-207-043
Microphone Serial Number : 317100
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 27866

Atmospheric Conditions

Ambient Temperature : 23.6°C
Relative Humidity : 43.6%
Barometric Pressure : 100.74kPa

Calibration Technician : Jeff Yu
Calibration Date : 2 Jun 2021
Secondary Check: Max Moore
Report Issue Date : 21 Jul 2021

Approved Signatory : 

Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
10.2.2: Absolute sensitivity	Pass	10.3.4: Inherent system noise level	Pass
10.2.3: Frequency weighting	Pass	10.4.2: Time weighting characteristic F and S	Pass
10.3.2: Overload indications	Pass	10.4.3: Time weighting characteristic I	Pass
10.3.3: Accuracy of level range control	Pass	10.4.5: R.M.S performance	Pass
8.9: Detector-indicator linearity	Pass	9.3.2: Time averaging	Pass
8.10: Differential level linearity	Pass	9.3.5: Overload indication	Pass

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Acoustic Tests	Environmental Conditions
31.5 Hz to 8kHz ±0.13dB	Temperature ±0.2°C
12.5kHz ±0.19dB	Relative Humidity ±2.4%
16kHz ±0.31dB	Barometric Pressure ±0.015kPa
Electrical Tests	
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz ±0.1dB	

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

The sound level meter under test has been shown to conform to the type 1 requirements for periodic testing as described in AS 1259.1:1990 and AS 1259.2:1990 for the tests stated above.



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**Sound Level Meter
AS 1259.1:1990 - AS 1259.2:1990
Calibration Certificate**

Calibration Number C20409

Client Details SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
5/21 Parap Road
Darwin NT 0820

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : ARL EL-316
Instrument Serial Number : 16-306-040
Microphone Serial Number : 322287
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 28089

Atmospheric Conditions

Ambient Temperature : 22.7°C
Relative Humidity : 40.8%
Barometric Pressure : 100.8kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 20 Jul 2020
Secondary Check: Max Moore
Report Issue Date : 4 Aug 2020

Approved Signatory :  Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
10.2.2: Absolute sensitivity	Pass	10.3.4: Inherent system noise level	Pass
10.2.3: Frequency weighting	Pass	10.4.2: Time weighting characteristic F and S	Pass
10.3.2: Overload indications	Pass	10.4.3: Time weighting characteristic I	Pass
10.3.3: Accuracy of level range control	Pass	10.4.5: R.M.S performance	Pass
8.9: Detector-indicator linearity	Pass	9.3.2: Time averaging	Pass
8.10: Differential level linearity	Pass	9.3.5: Overload indication	Pass

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	±0.14dB	Temperature	±0.2°C
12.5kHz	±0.16dB	Relative Humidity	±2.4%
16kHz	±0.22dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.015kPa
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	±0.1dB		

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

The sound level meter under test has been shown to conform to the type 1 requirements for periodic testing as described in AS 1259.1:1990 and AS 1259.2:1990 for the tests stated above.



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Sound Level Meter AS 1259.1:1990 - AS 1259.2:1990 Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C21135

Client Details	SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd 5/21 Parap Road Darwin NT 0820
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Equipment Tested/ Model Number :	ARL EL-316
Instrument Serial Number :	16-306-044
Microphone Serial Number :	312214
Pre-amplifier Serial Number :	27454

Atmospheric Conditions	
Ambient Temperature :	23.2°C
Relative Humidity :	57.7%
Barometric Pressure :	101.01kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal	Secondary Check: Max Moore
Calibration Date : 11 Mar 2021	Report Issue Date : 16 Mar 2021
Approved Signatory :	Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
10.2.2: Absolute sensitivity	Pass	10.3.4: Inherent system noise level	Pass
10.2.3: Frequency weighting	Pass	10.4.2: Time weighting characteristic F and S	Pass
10.3.2: Overload indications	Pass	10.4.3: Time weighting characteristic I	Pass
10.3.3: Accuracy of level range control	Pass	10.4.5: R.M.S performance	Pass
8.9: Detector-indicator linearity	Pass	9.3.2: Time averaging	Pass
8.10: Differential level linearity	Pass	9.3.5: Overload indication	Pass

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	±0.13dB	Temperature	±0.2°C
12.5kHz	±0.19dB	Relative Humidity	±2.4%
16kHz	±0.31dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.015kPa
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	±0.1dB		

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Sound Level Meter
AS 1259.1:1990 - AS 1259.2:1990
Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C21351

Client Details SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
Unit 5, 21 Parap Rd
Darwin NT 0820

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : ARL EL-316
Instrument Serial Number : 16-306-047
Microphone Serial Number : 322778
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 28143

Atmospheric Conditions

Ambient Temperature : 22.7°C
Relative Humidity : 36.6%
Barometric Pressure : 100.5kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 19 Jul 2021
Secondary Check: Max Moore
Report Issue Date : 21 Jul 2021

Approved Signatory : 

Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
10.2.2: Absolute sensitivity	Pass	10.3.4: Inherent system noise level	Pass
10.2.3: Frequency weighting	Pass	10.4.2: Time weighting characteristic F and S	Pass
10.3.2: Overload indications	Pass	10.4.3: Time weighting characteristic I	Pass
10.3.3: Accuracy of level range control	Pass	10.4.5: R.M.S performance	Pass
8.9: Detector-indicator linearity	Pass	9.3.2: Time averaging	Pass
8.10: Differential level linearity	Pass	9.3.5: Overload indication	Pass

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	±0.13dB	Temperature	±0.2°C
12.5kHz	±0.19dB	Relative Humidity	±2.4%
16kHz	±0.31dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.015kPa
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	±0.1dB		

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

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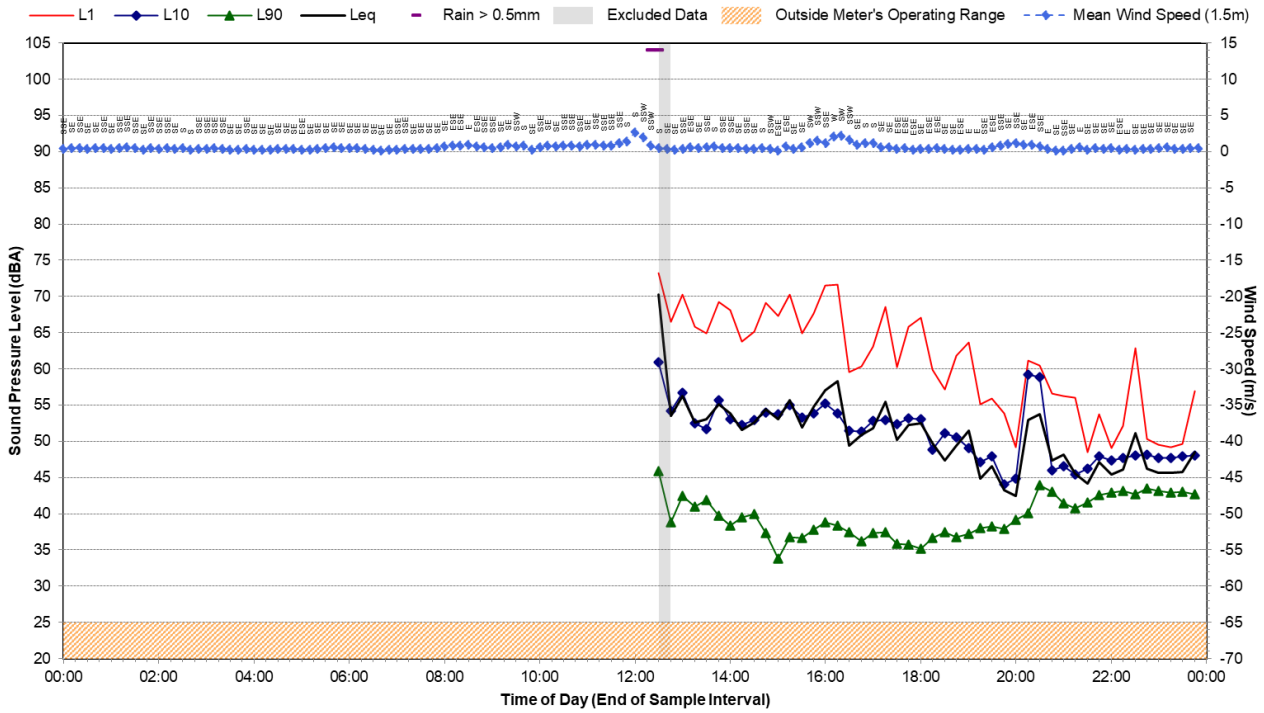
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APPENDIX D

Statistical Ambient Noise Levels

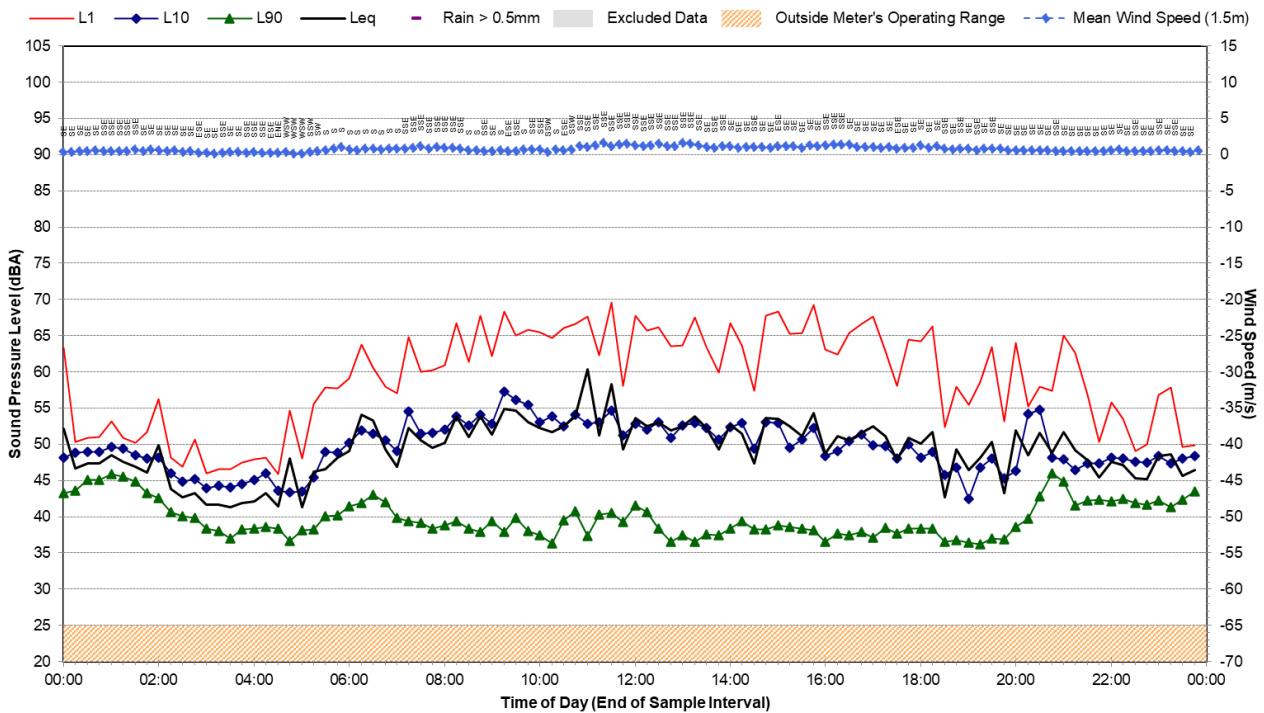
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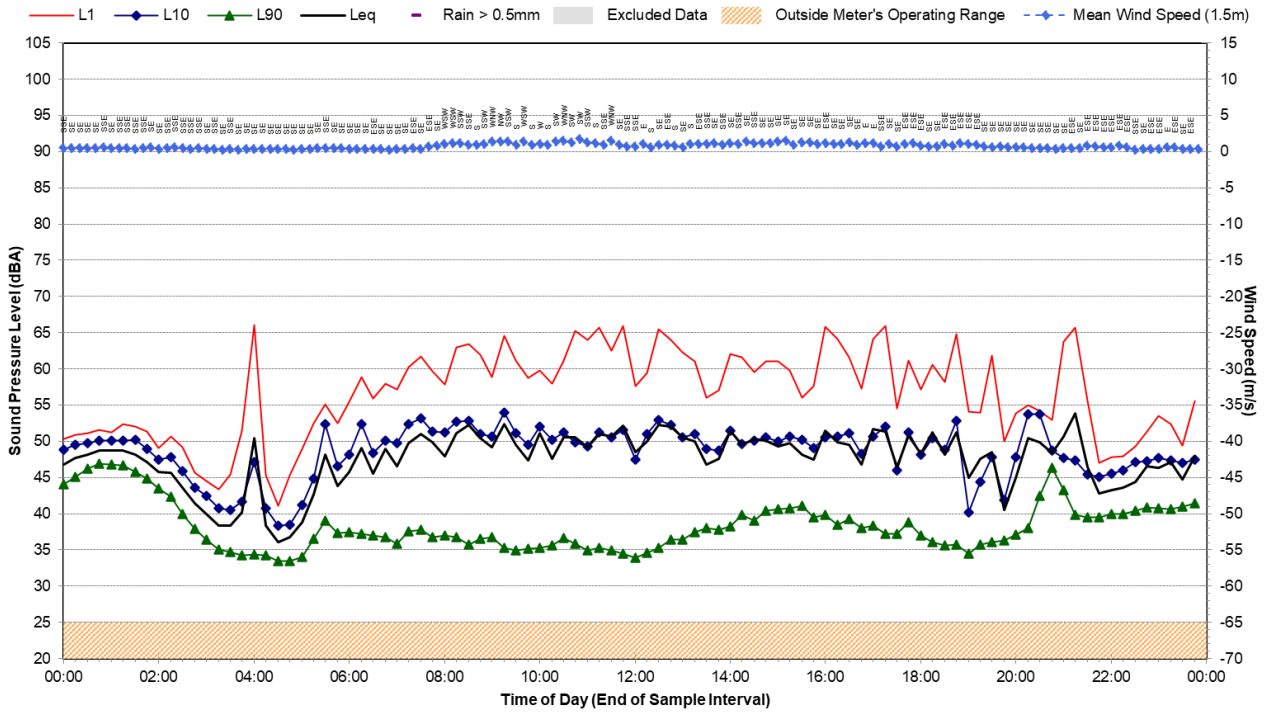
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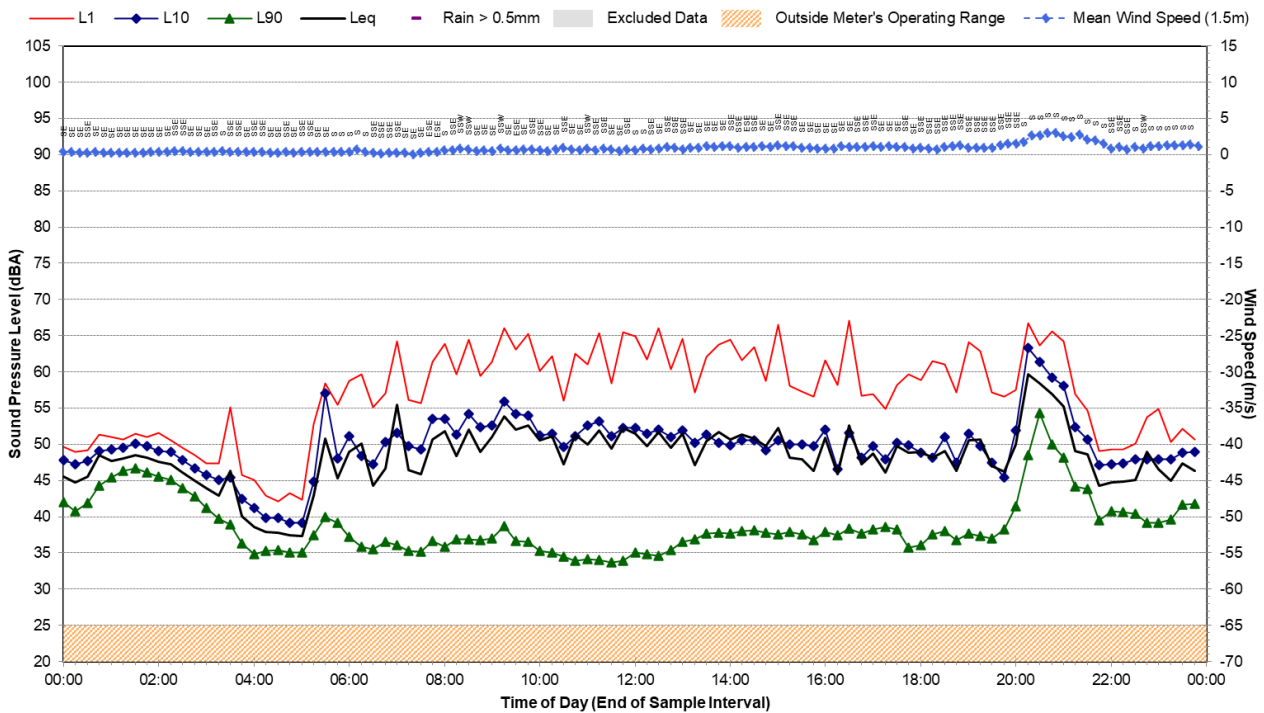
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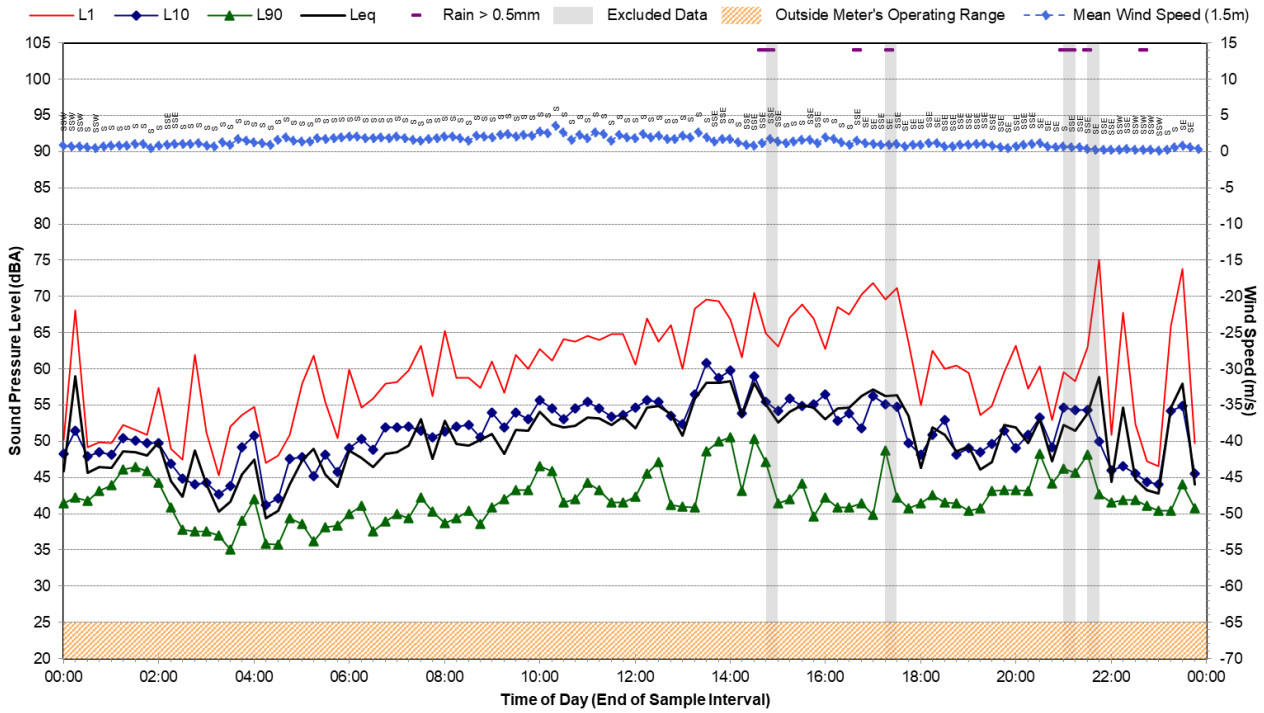
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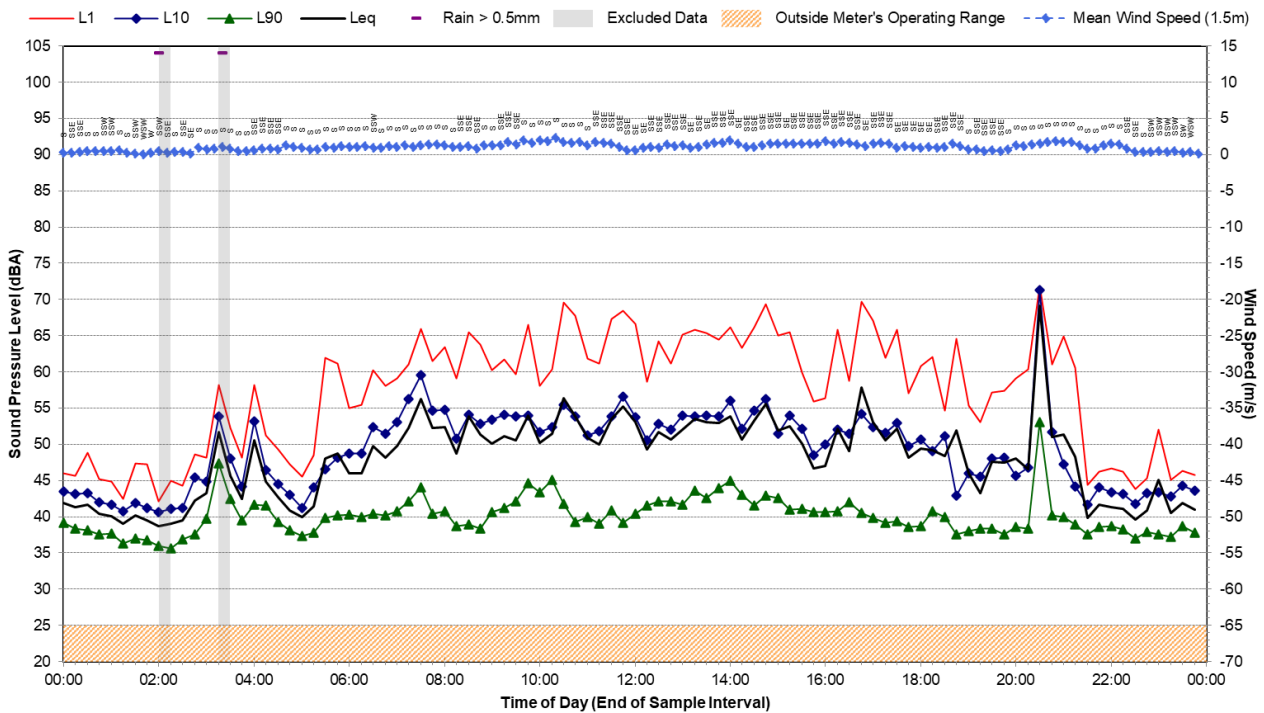
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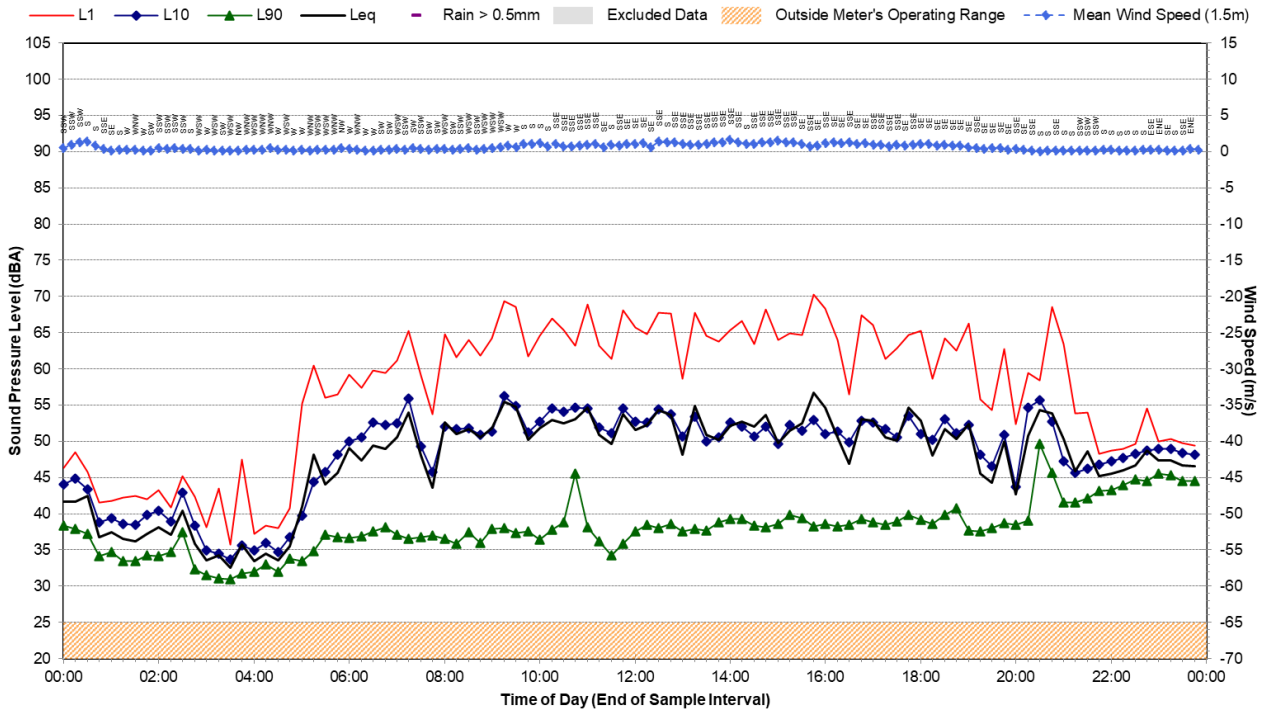
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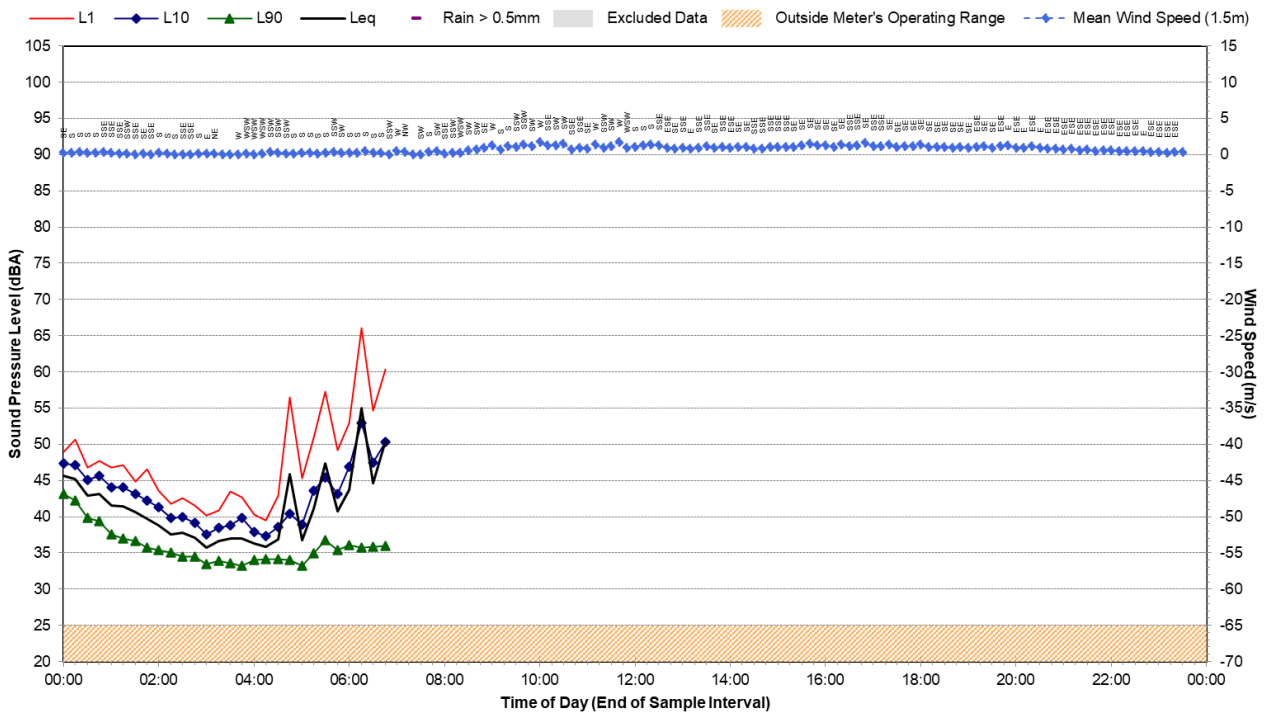
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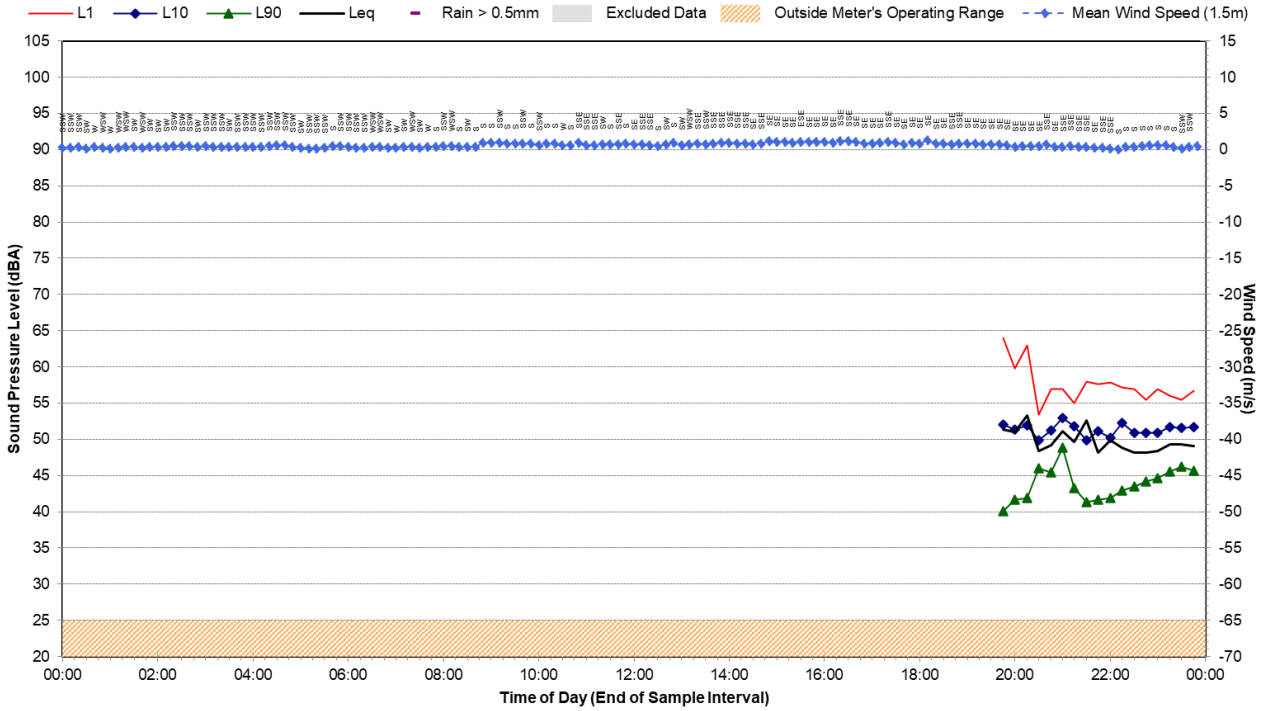
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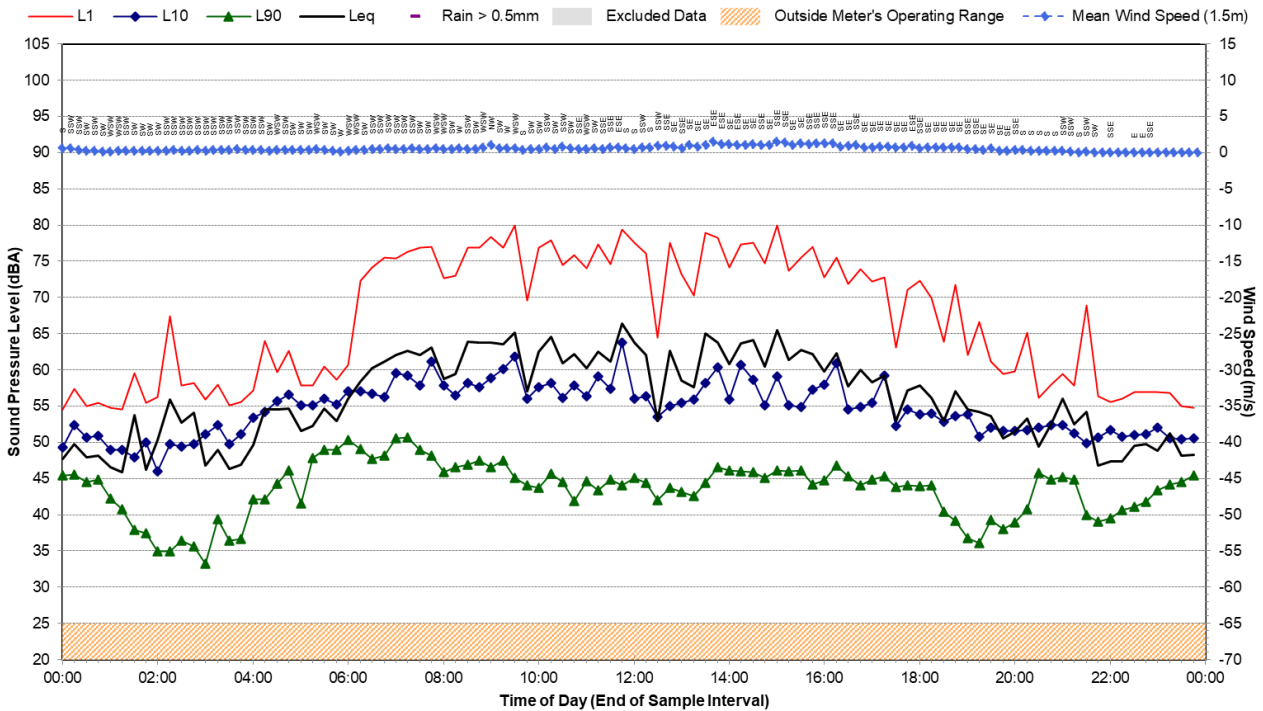
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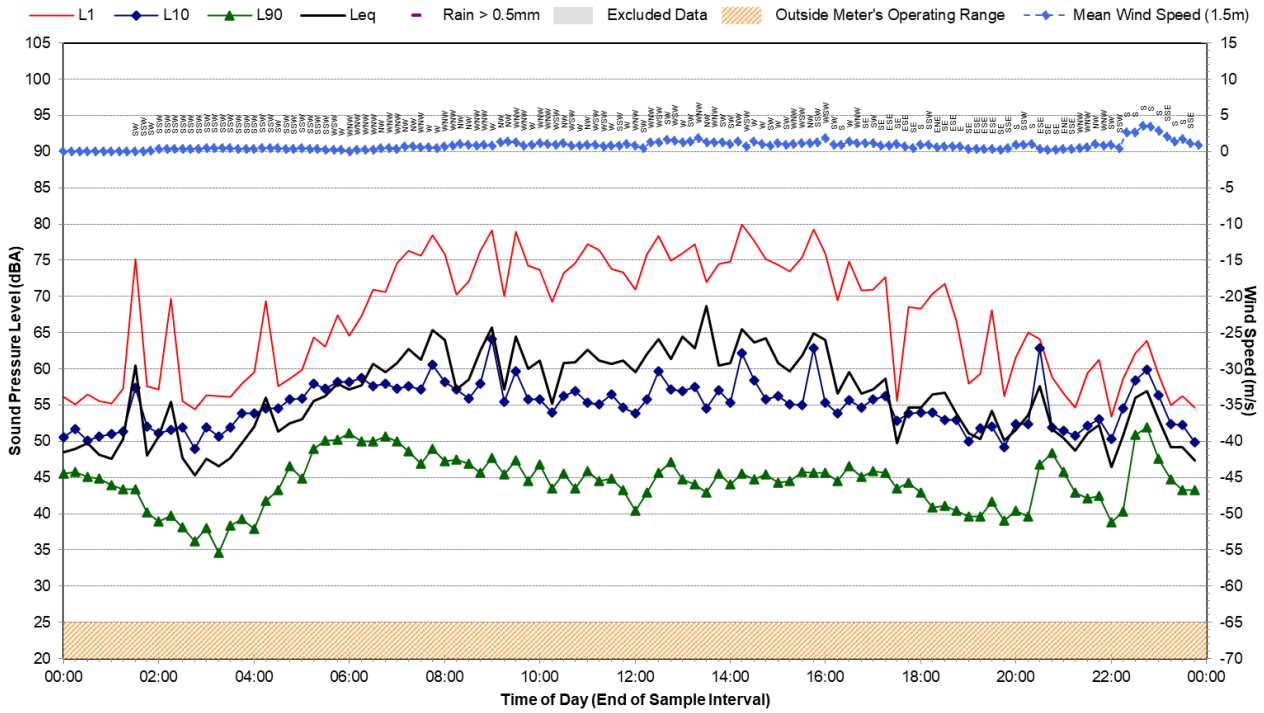
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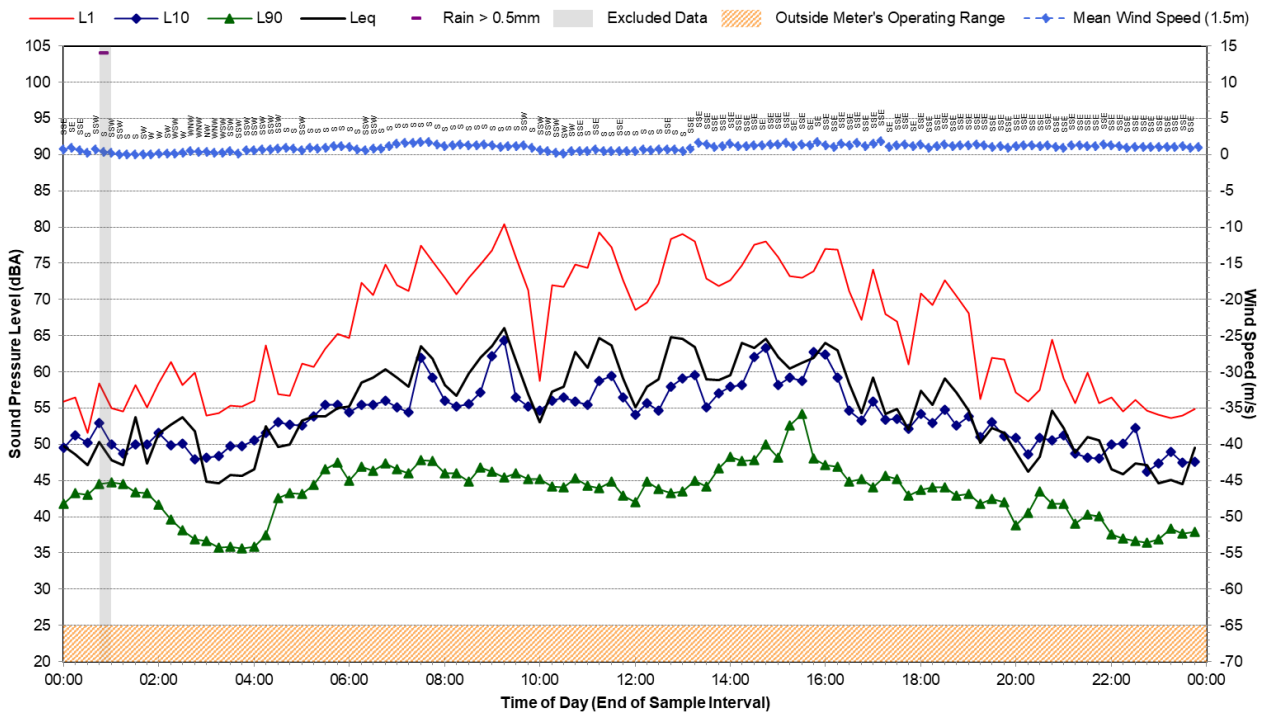
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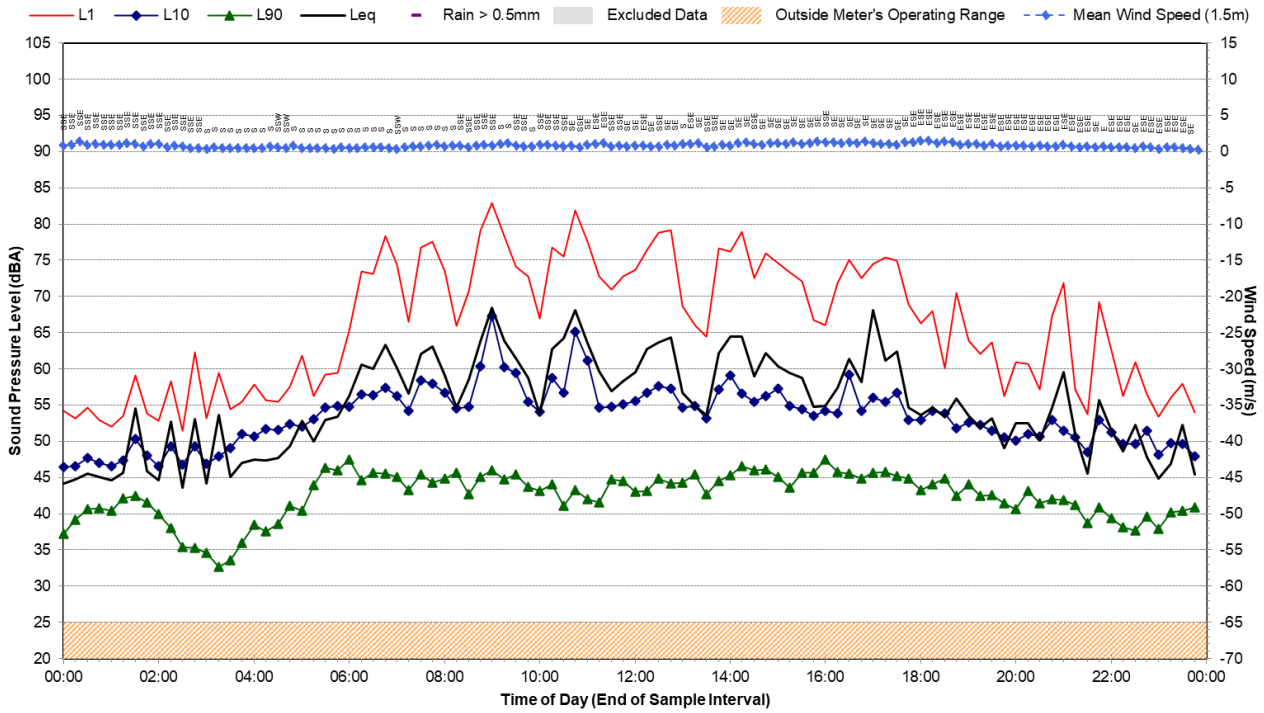
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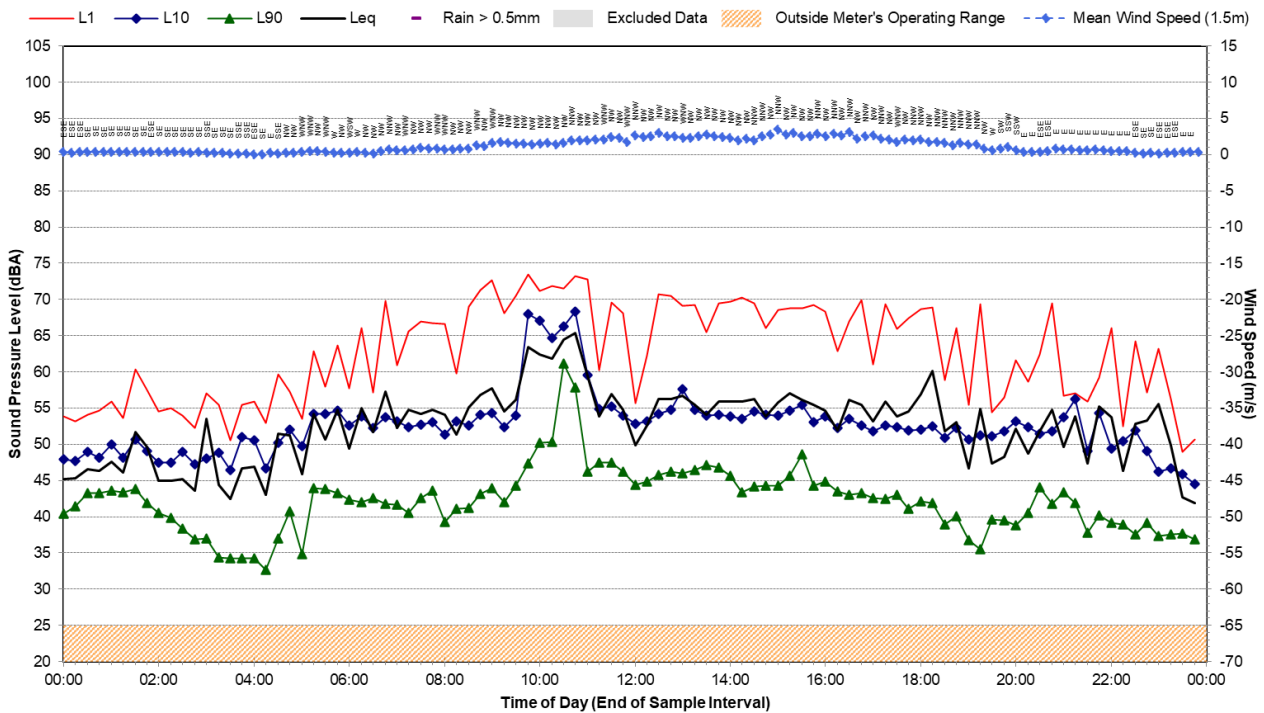
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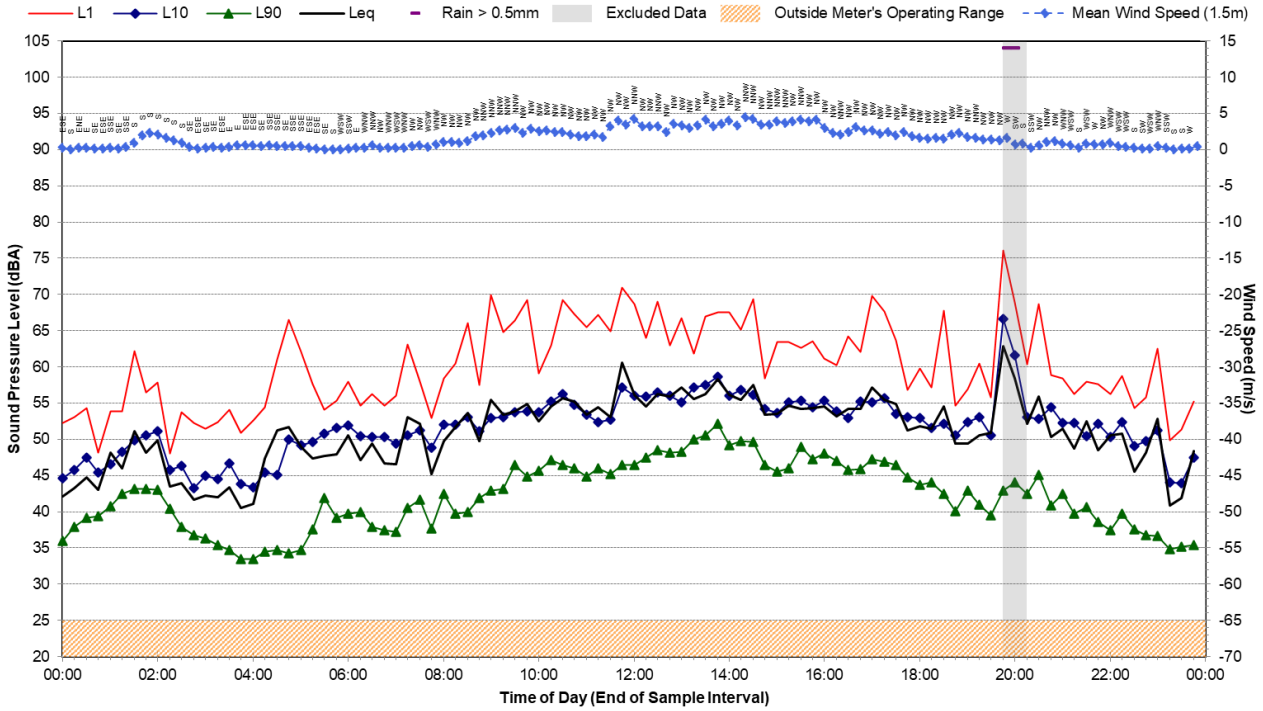
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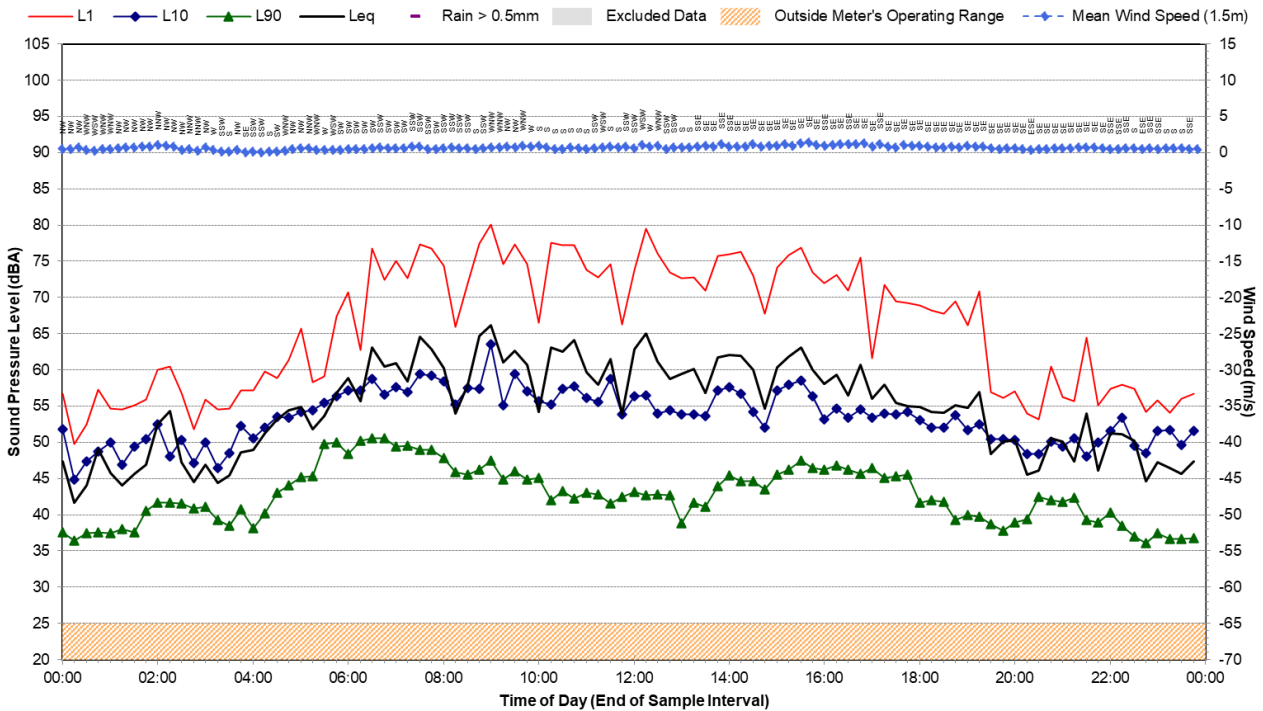
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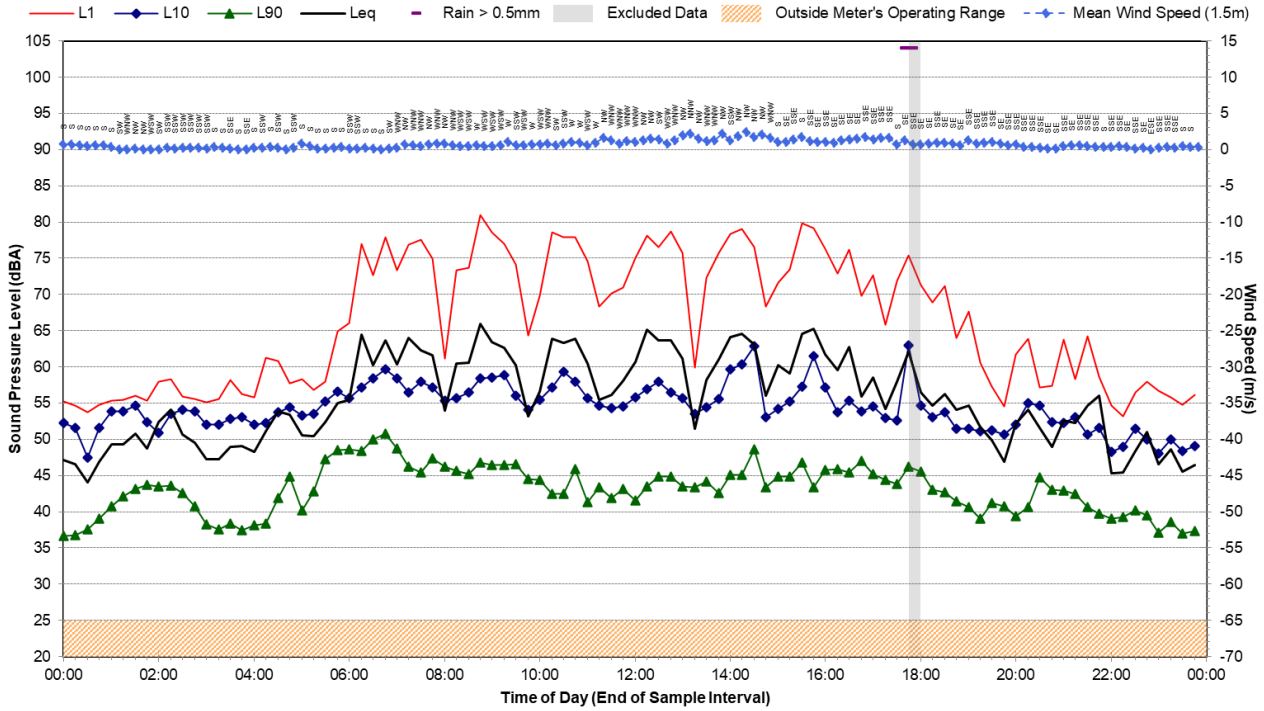
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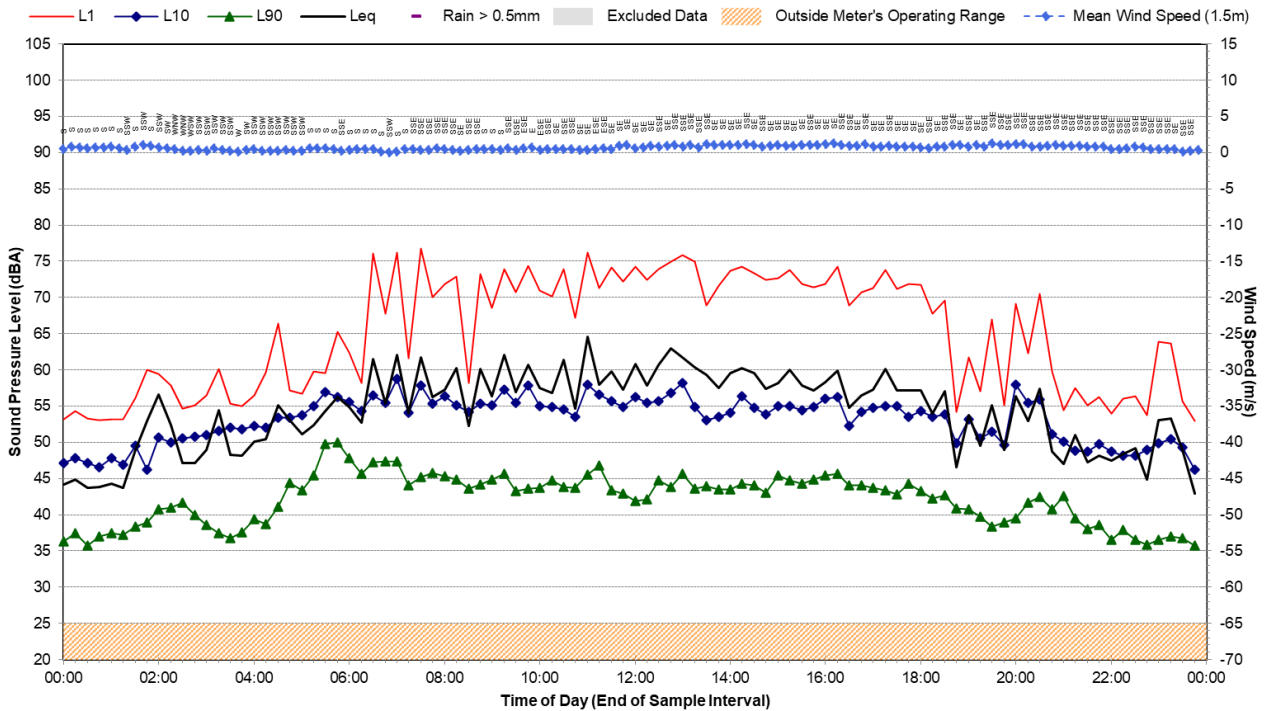
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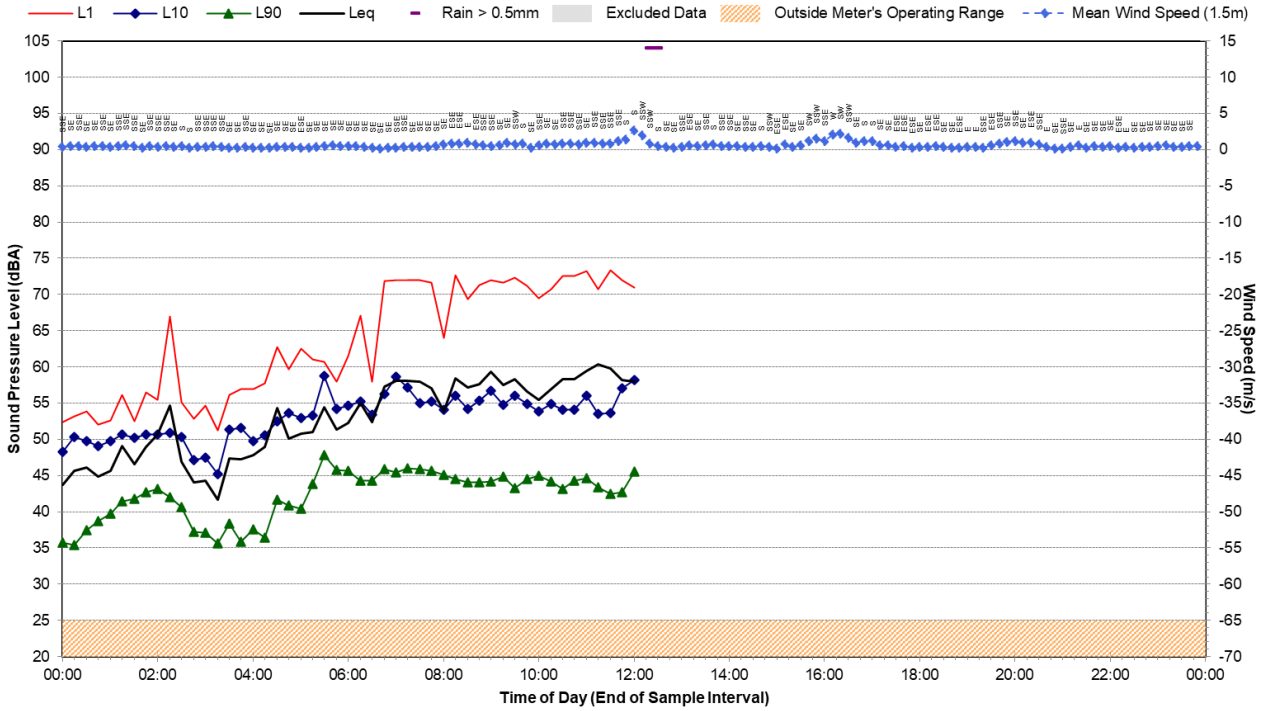
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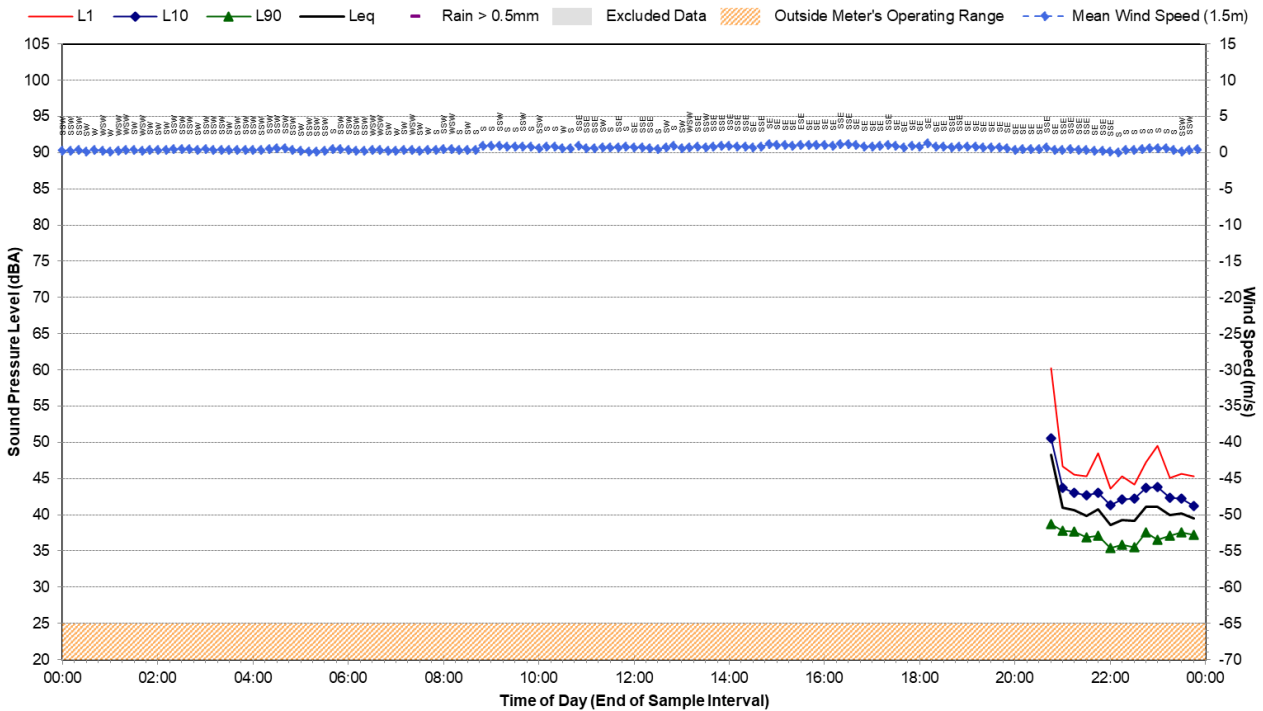
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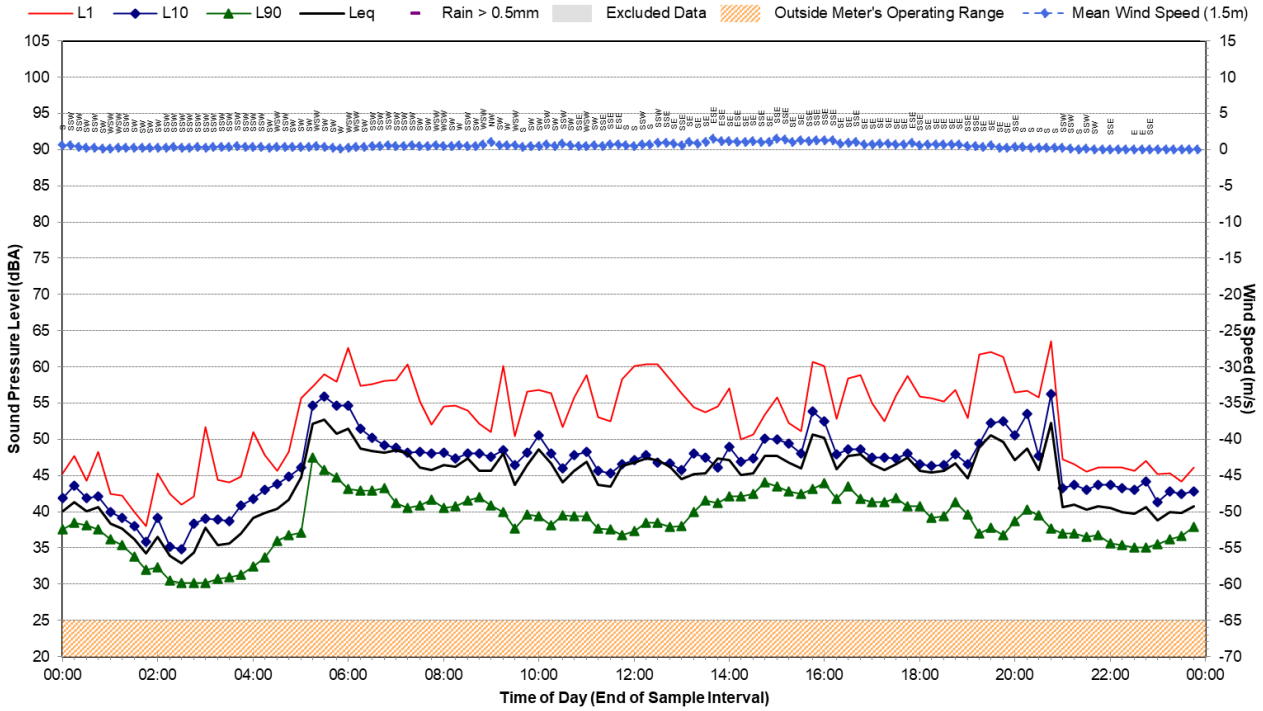
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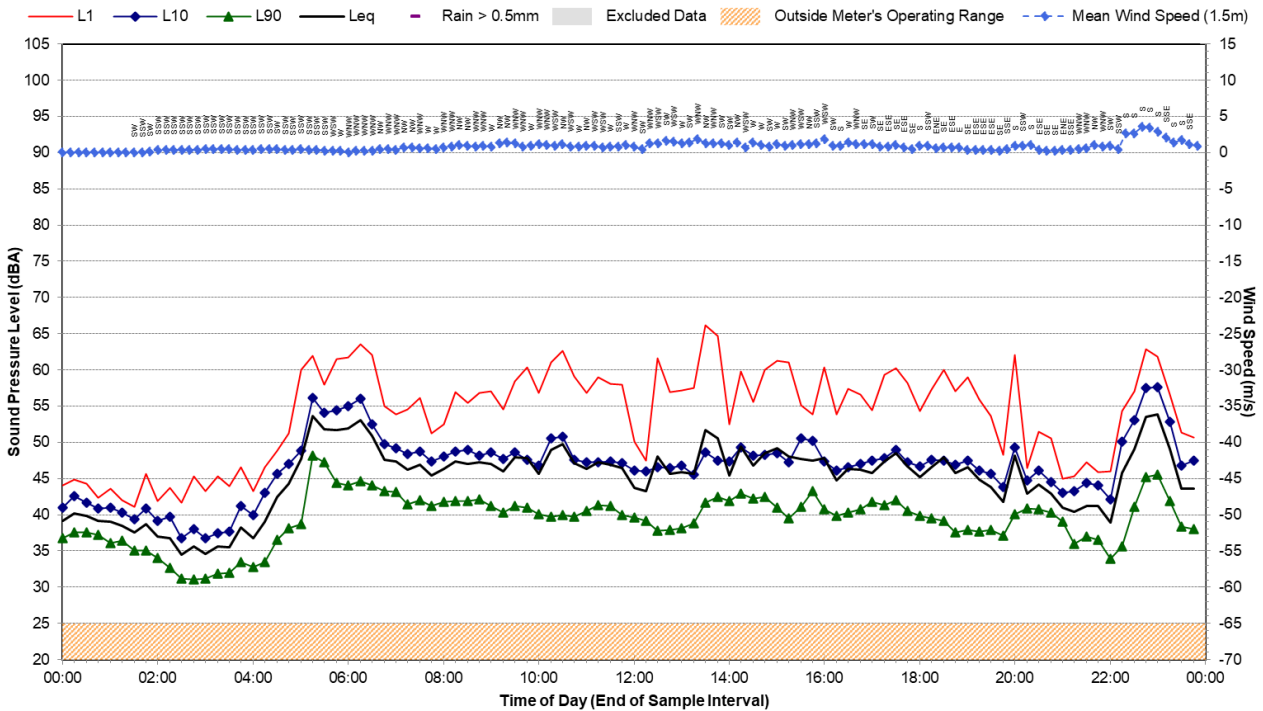
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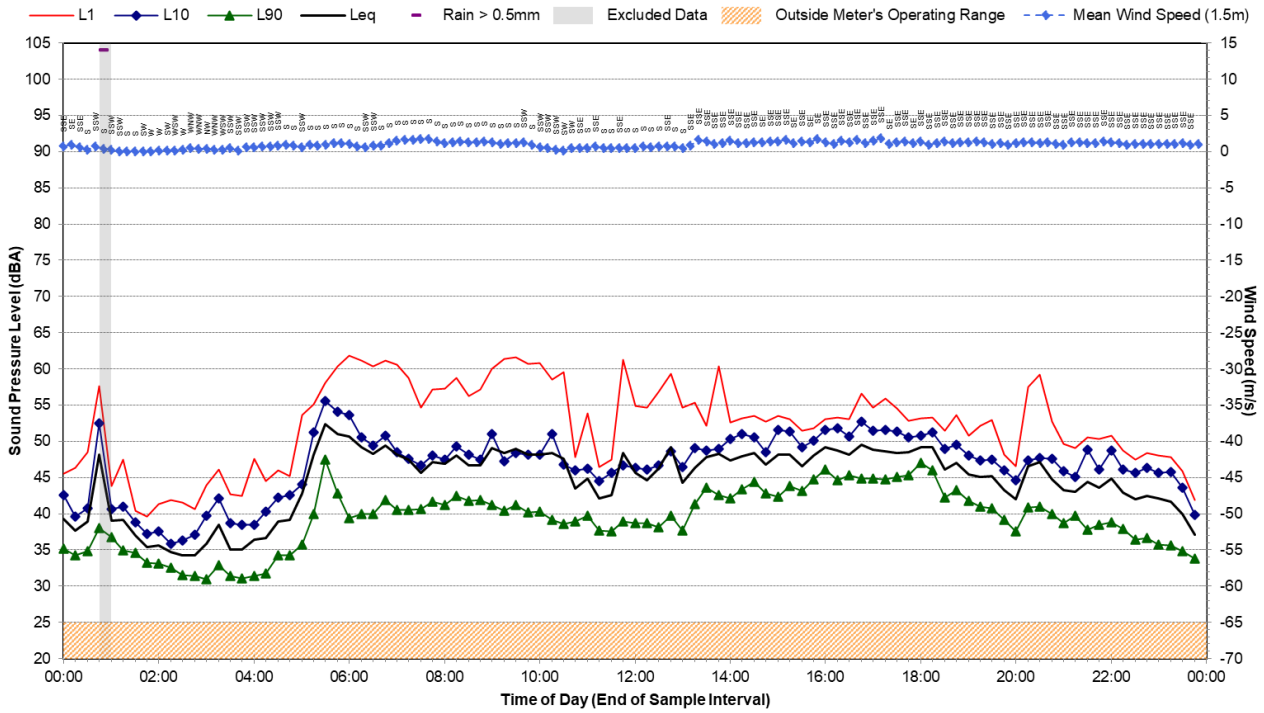
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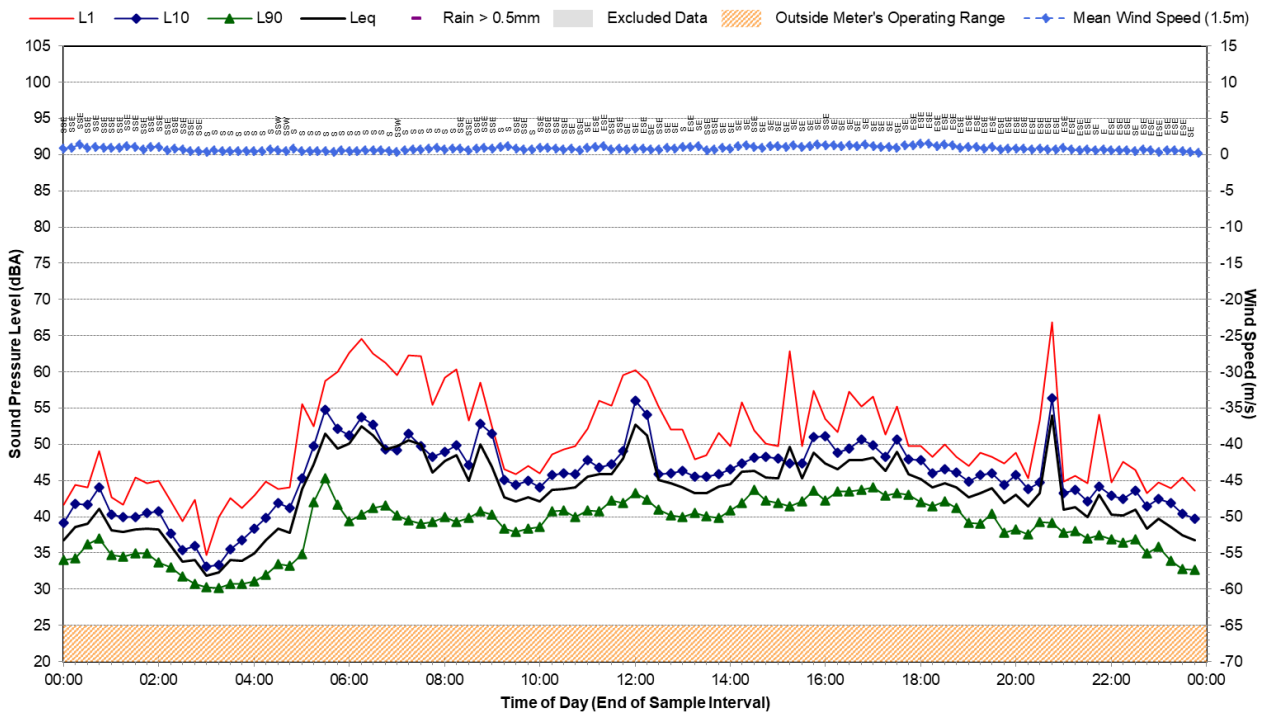
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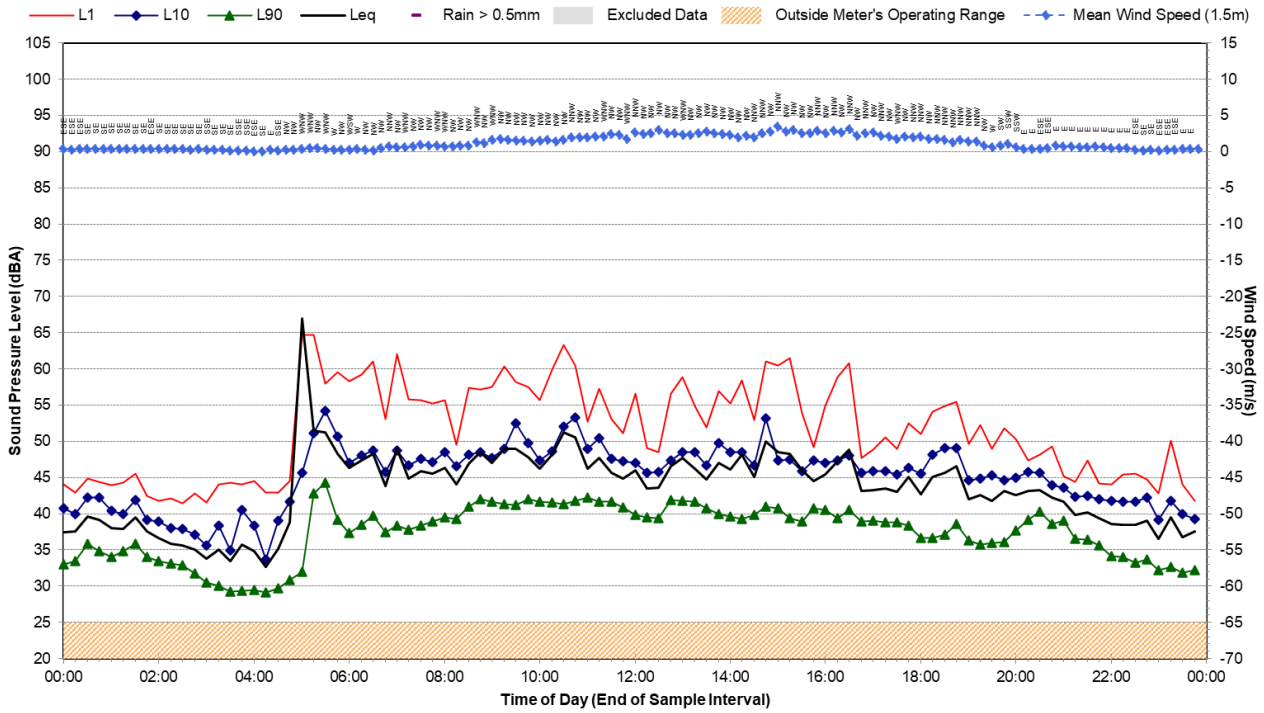
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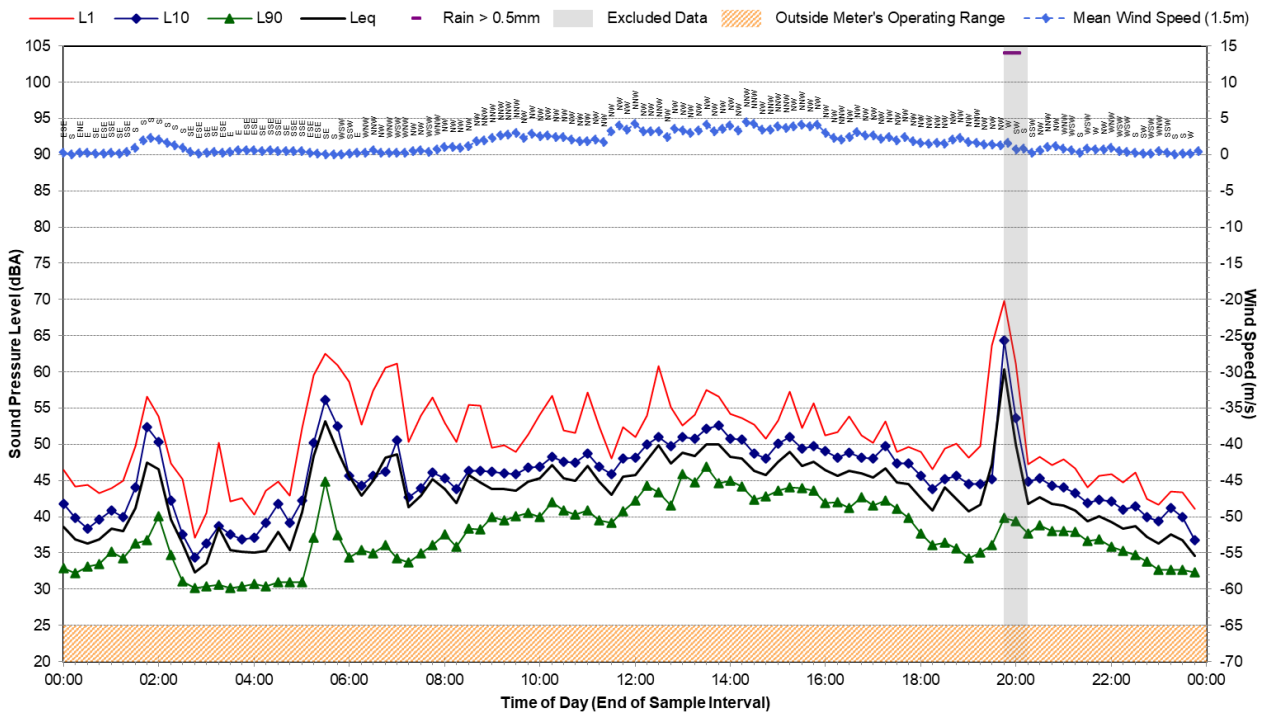
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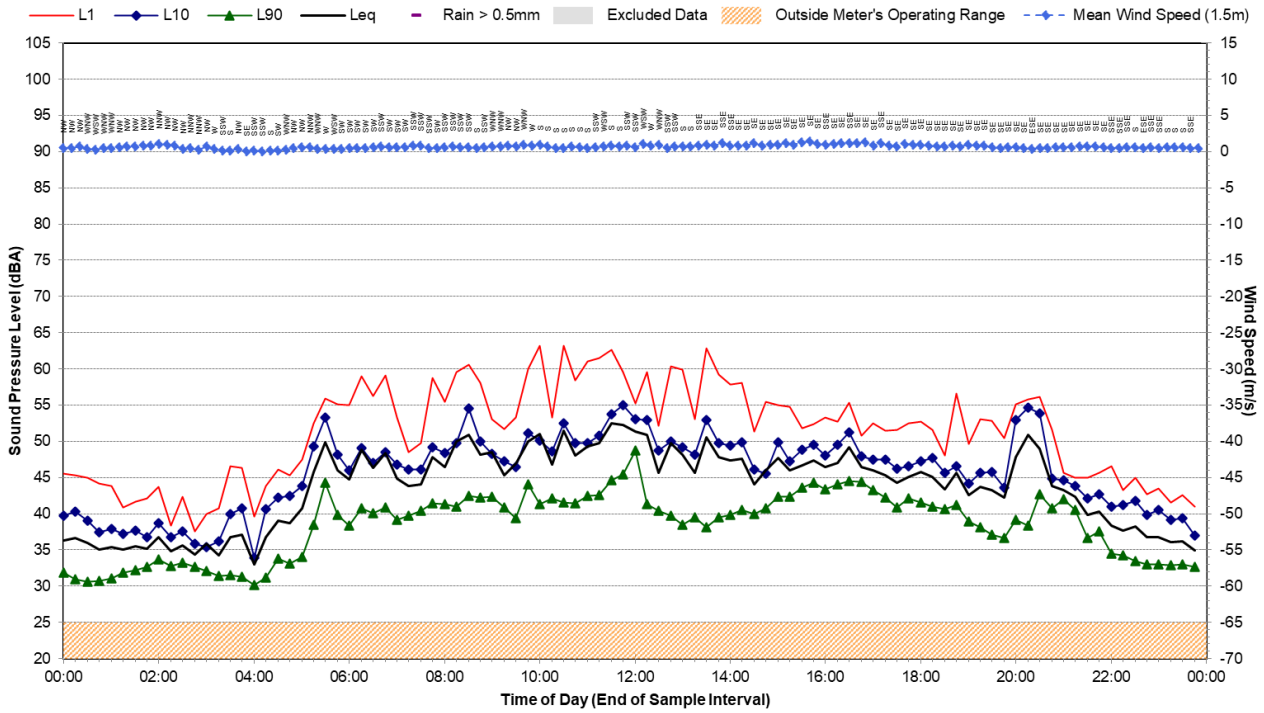
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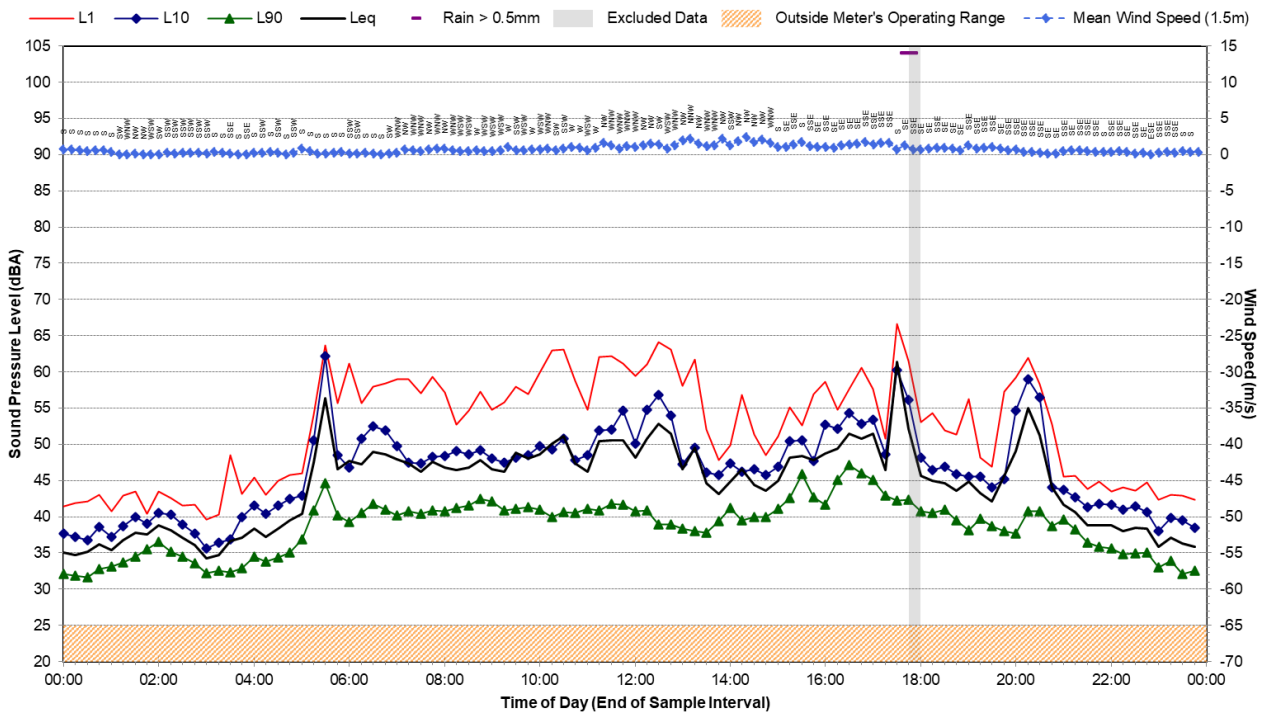
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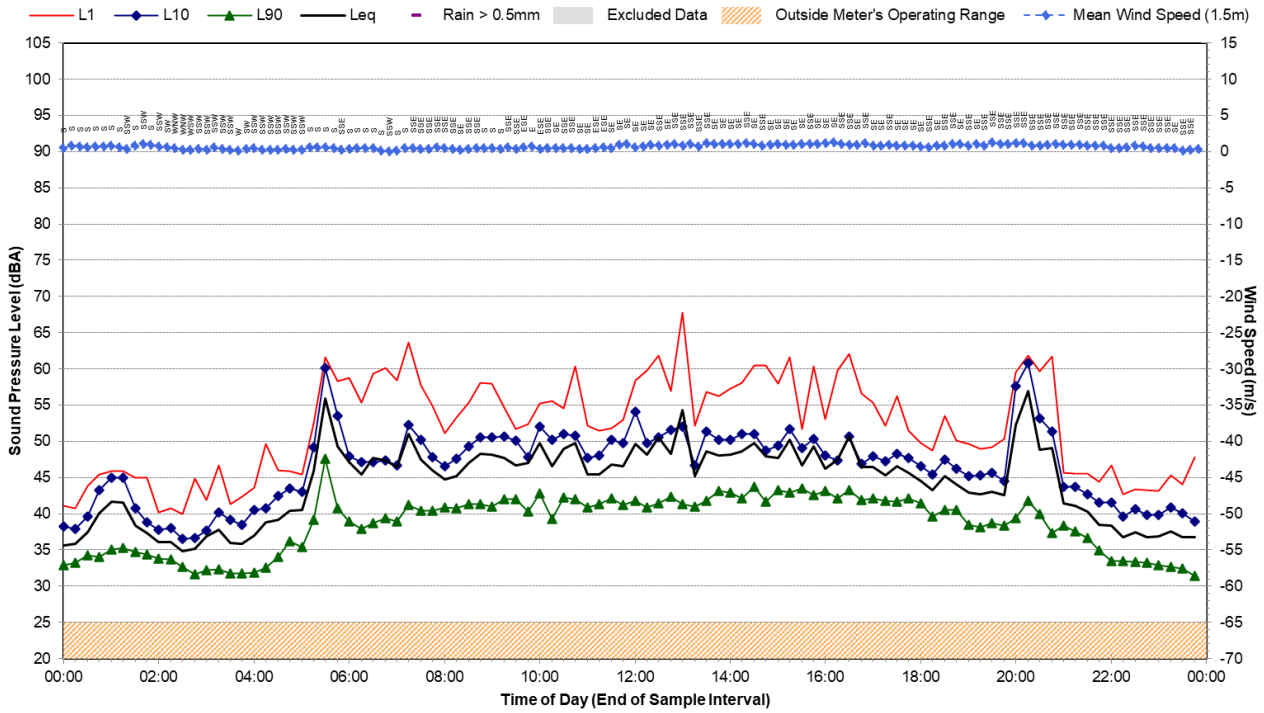
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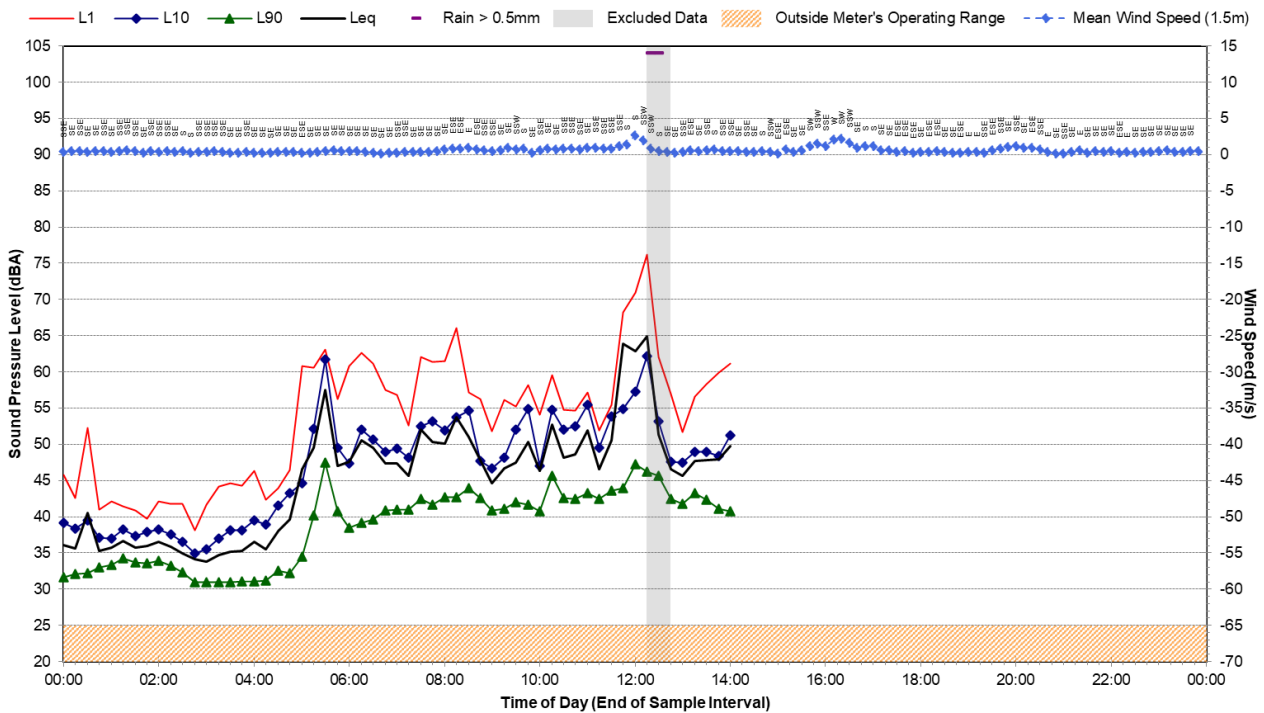
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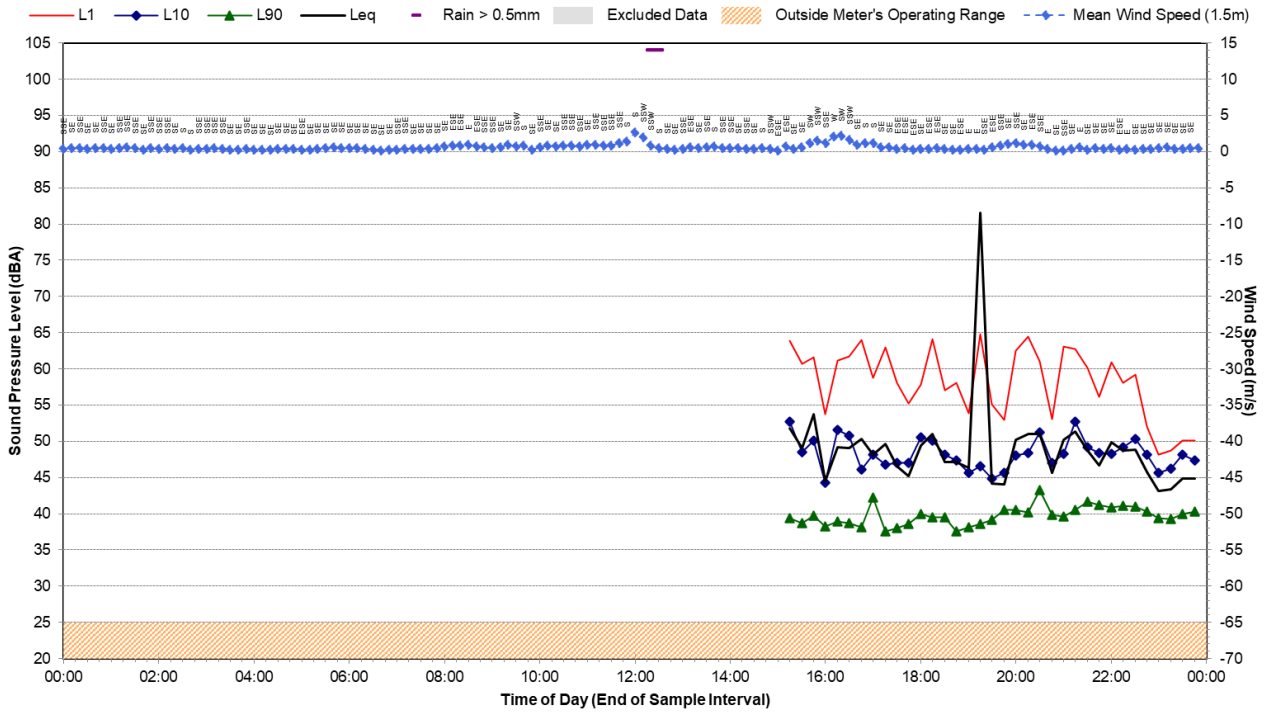
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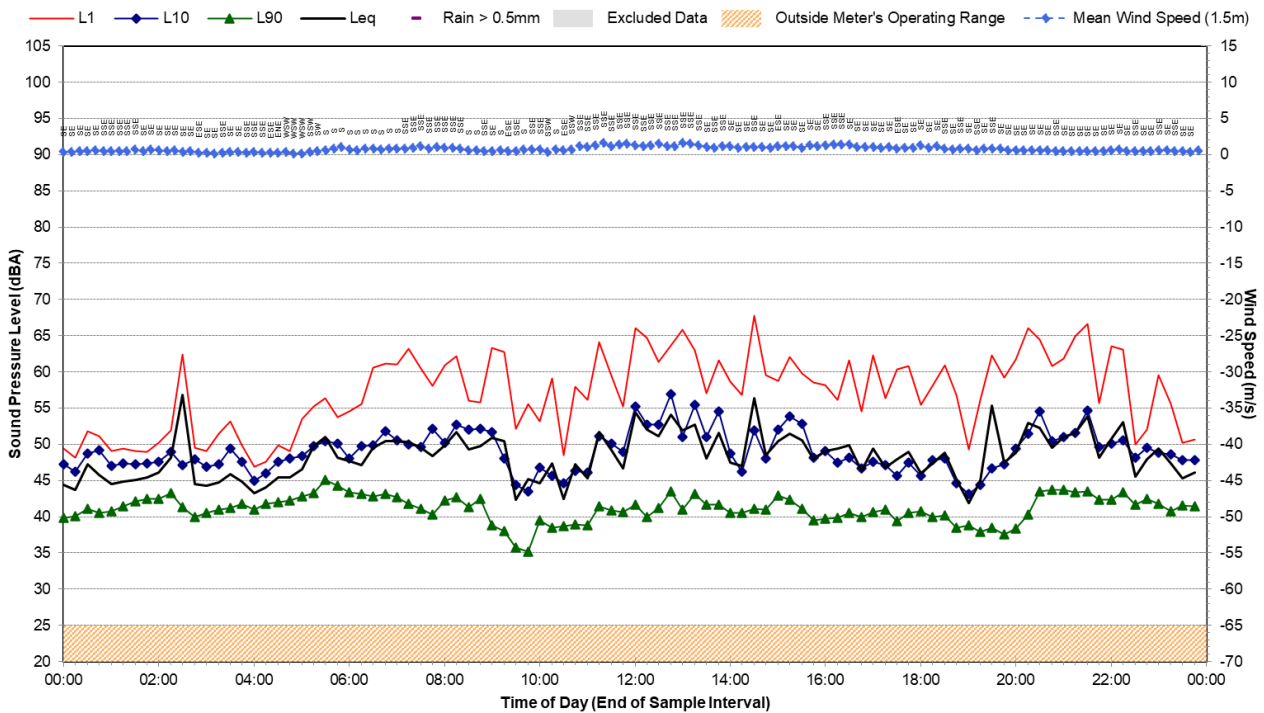
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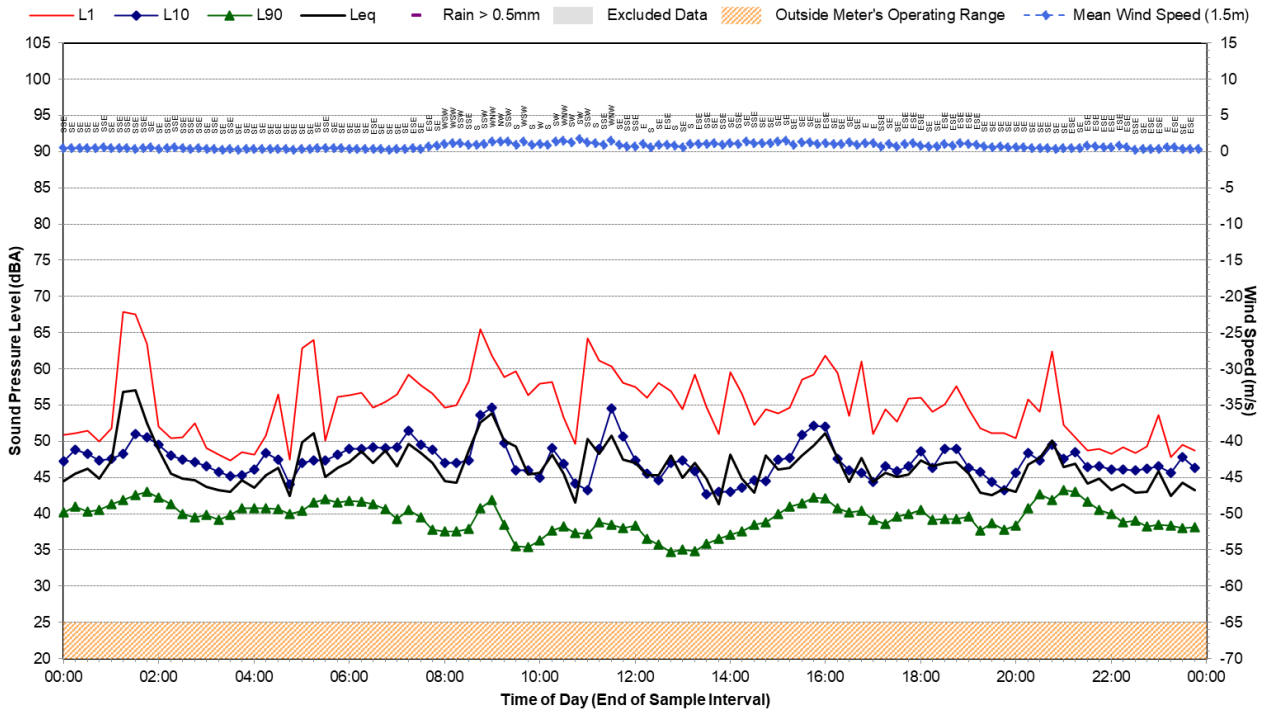
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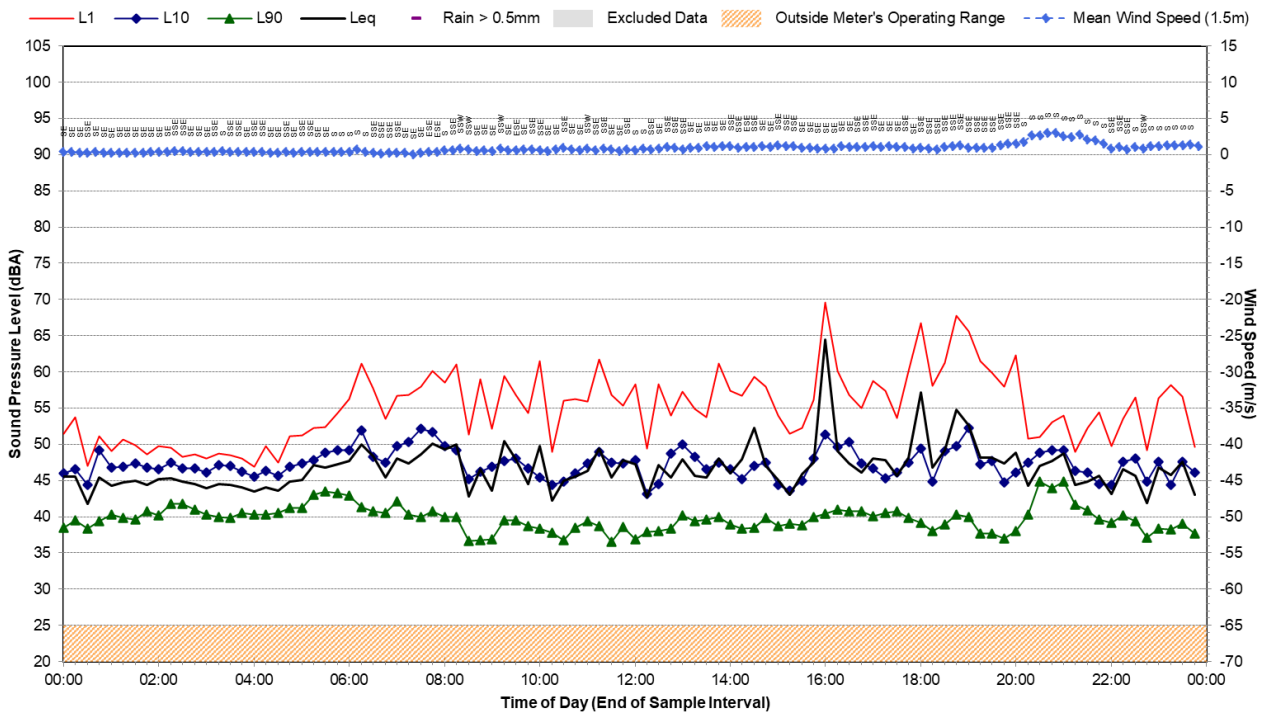
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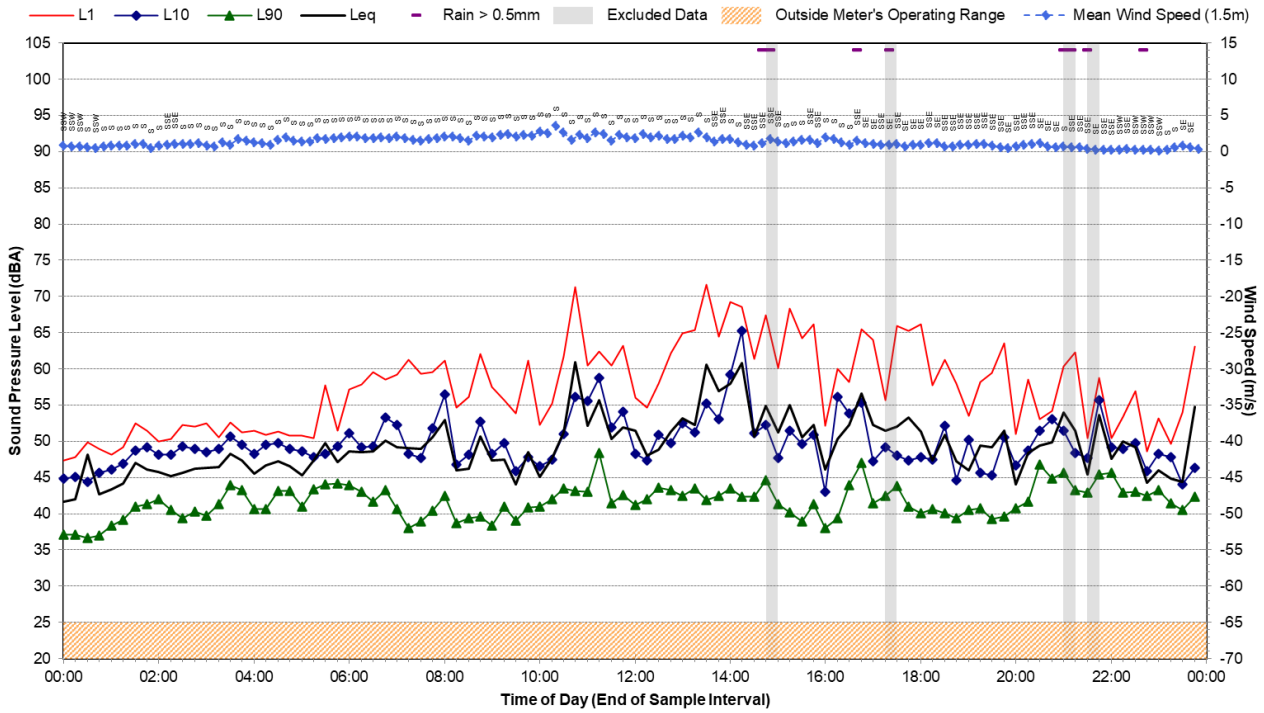
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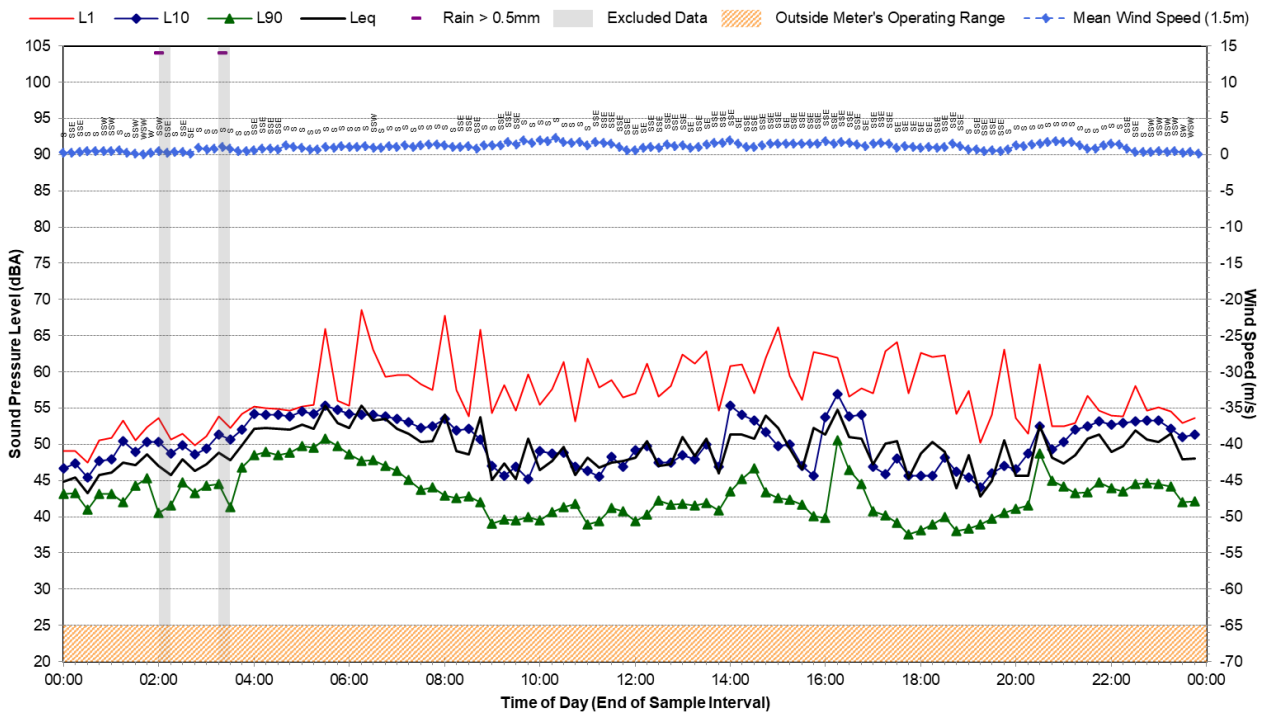
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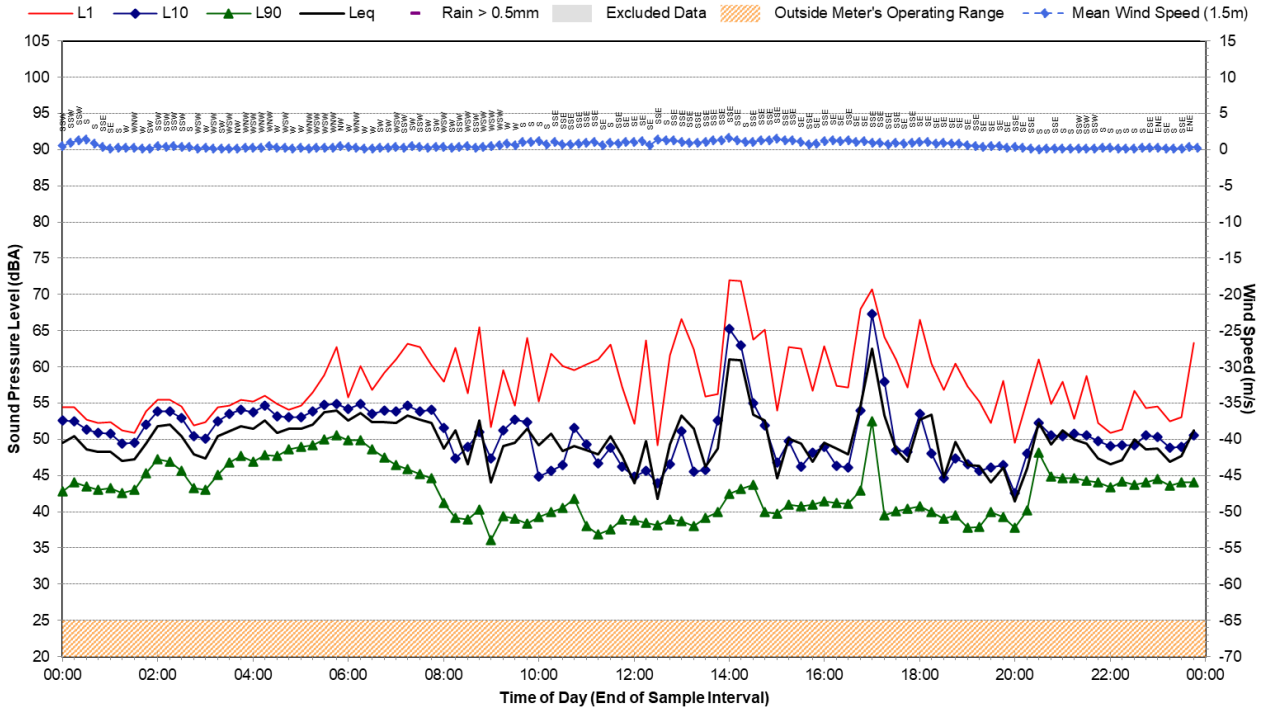
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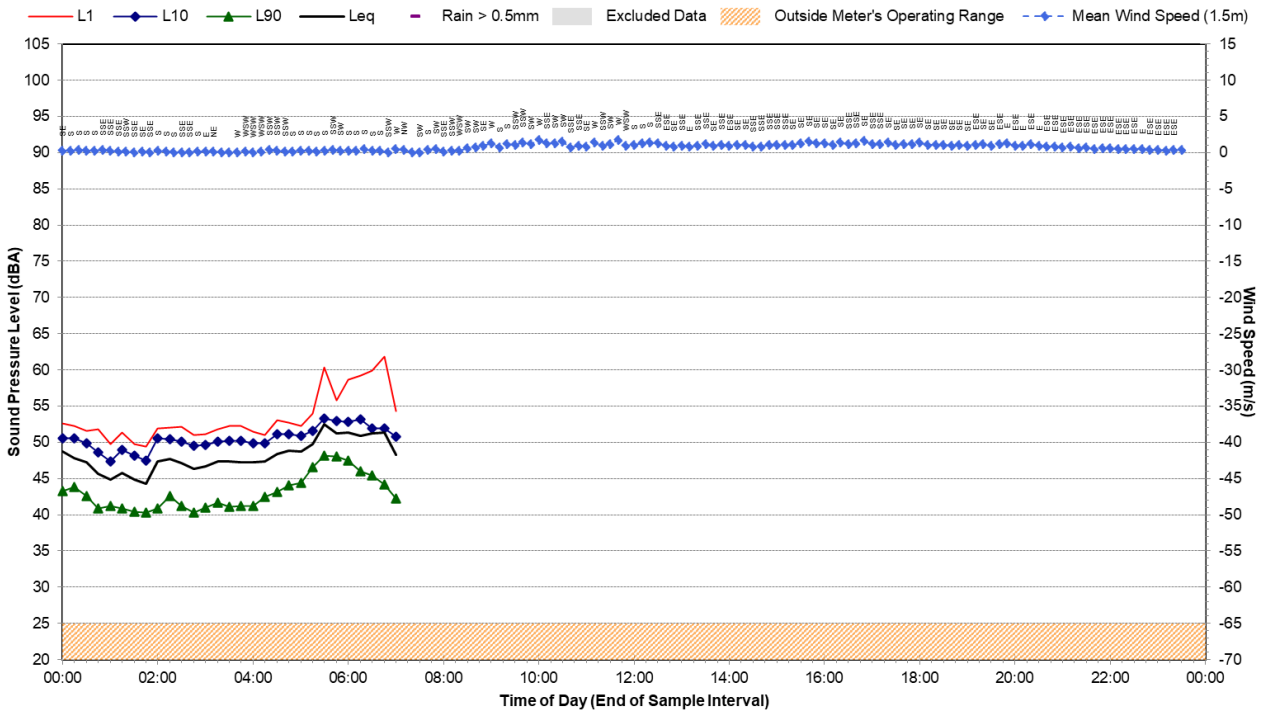
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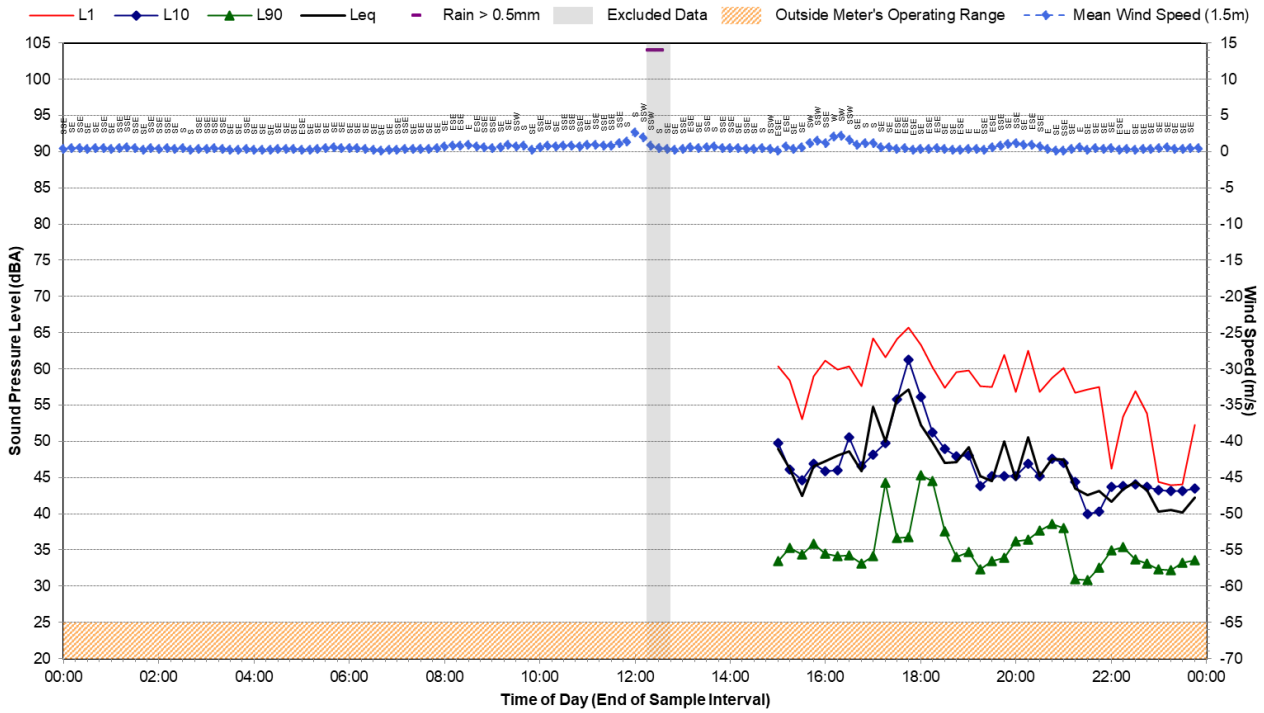
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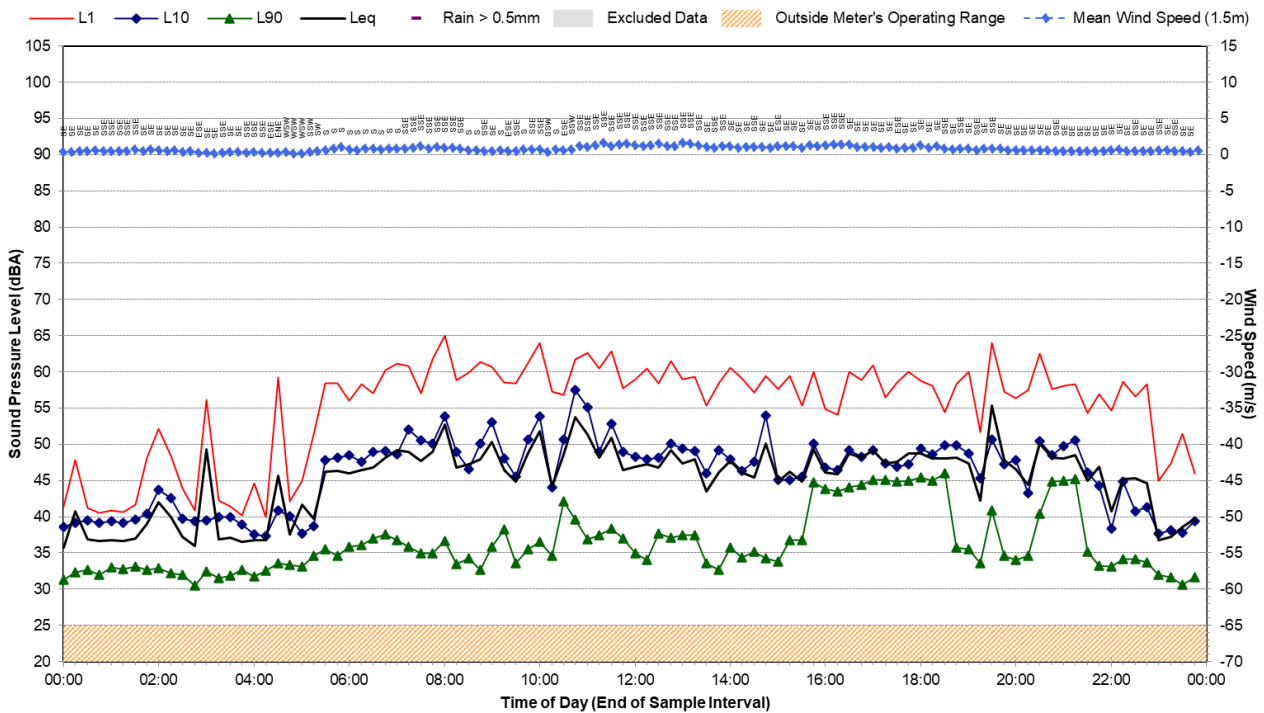
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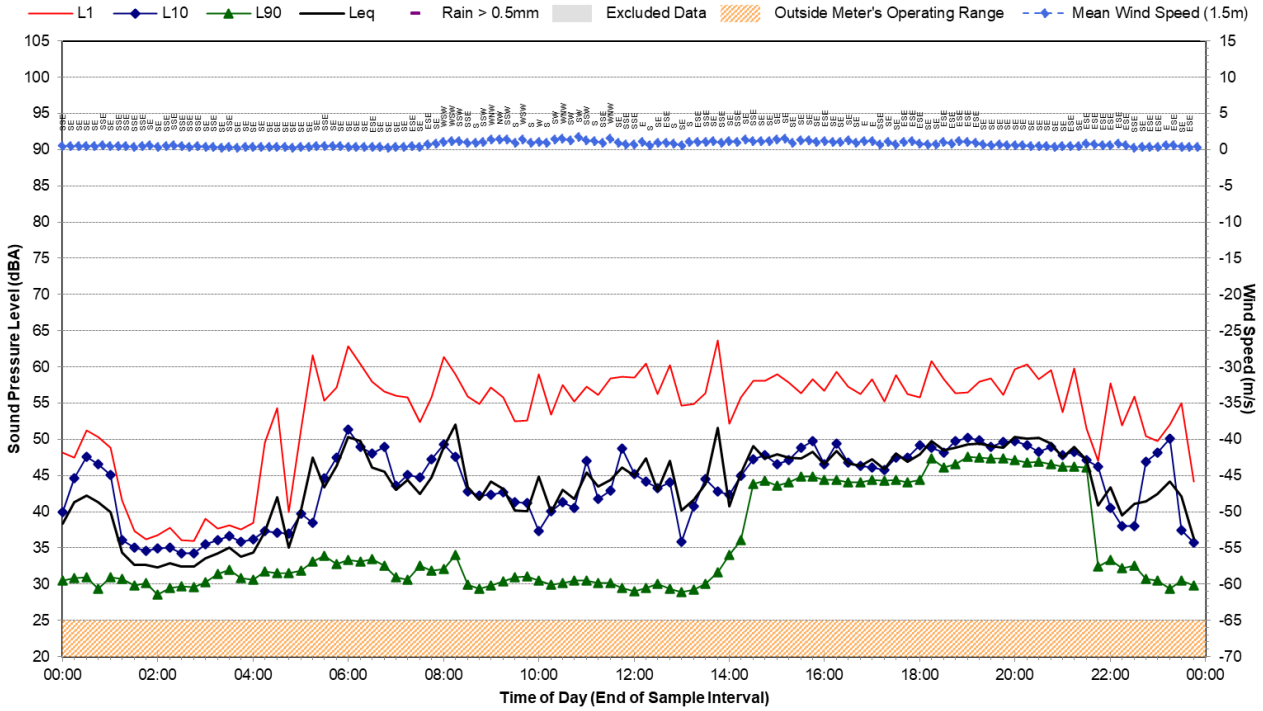
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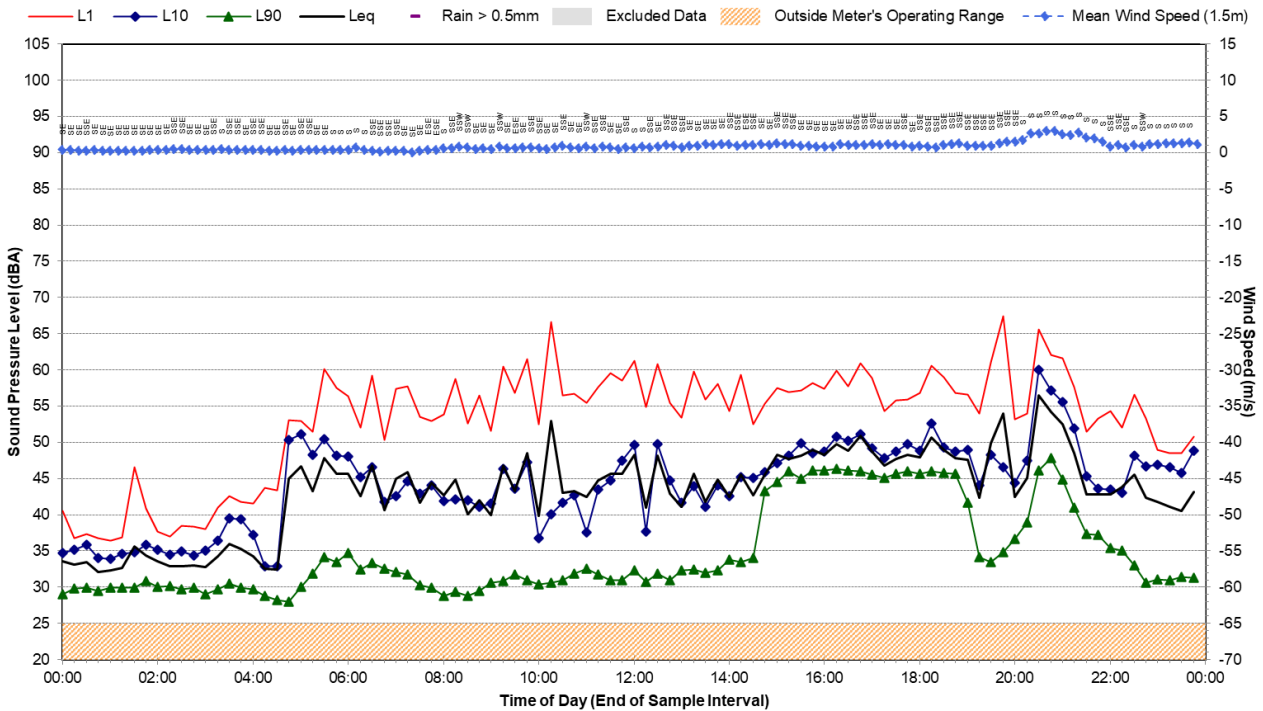
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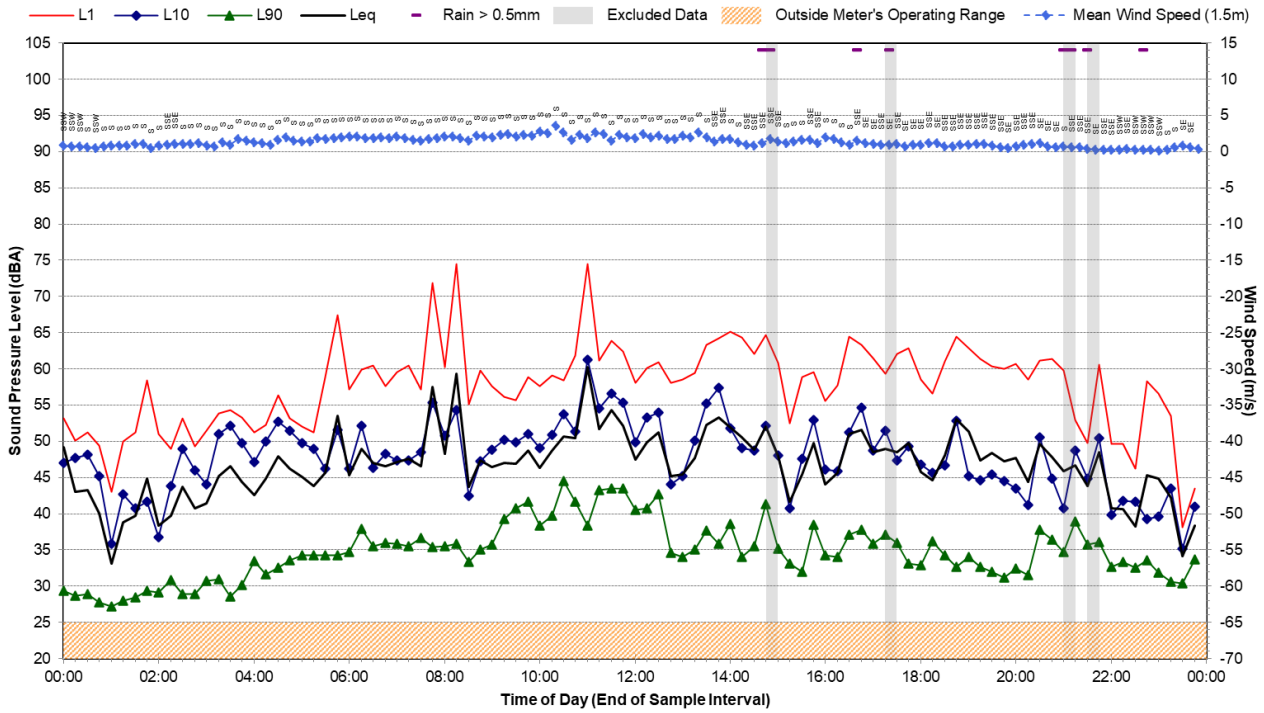
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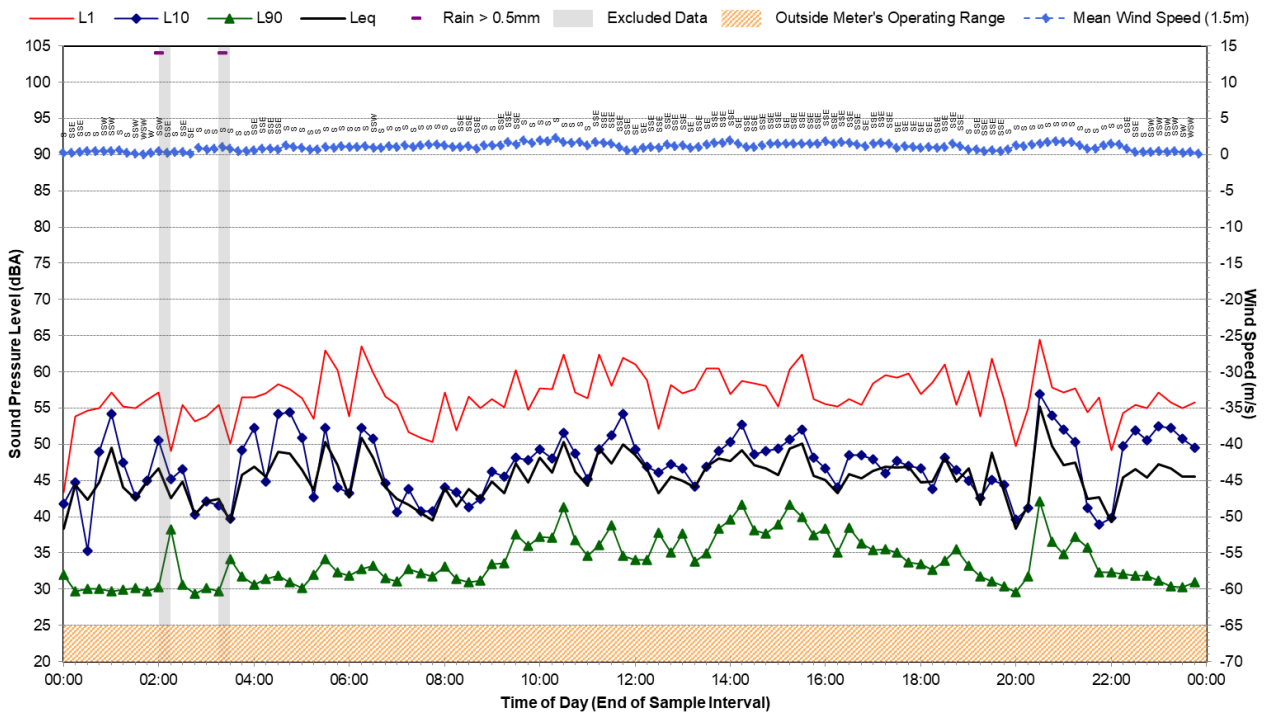
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Location L - Monday, 27 December 2021



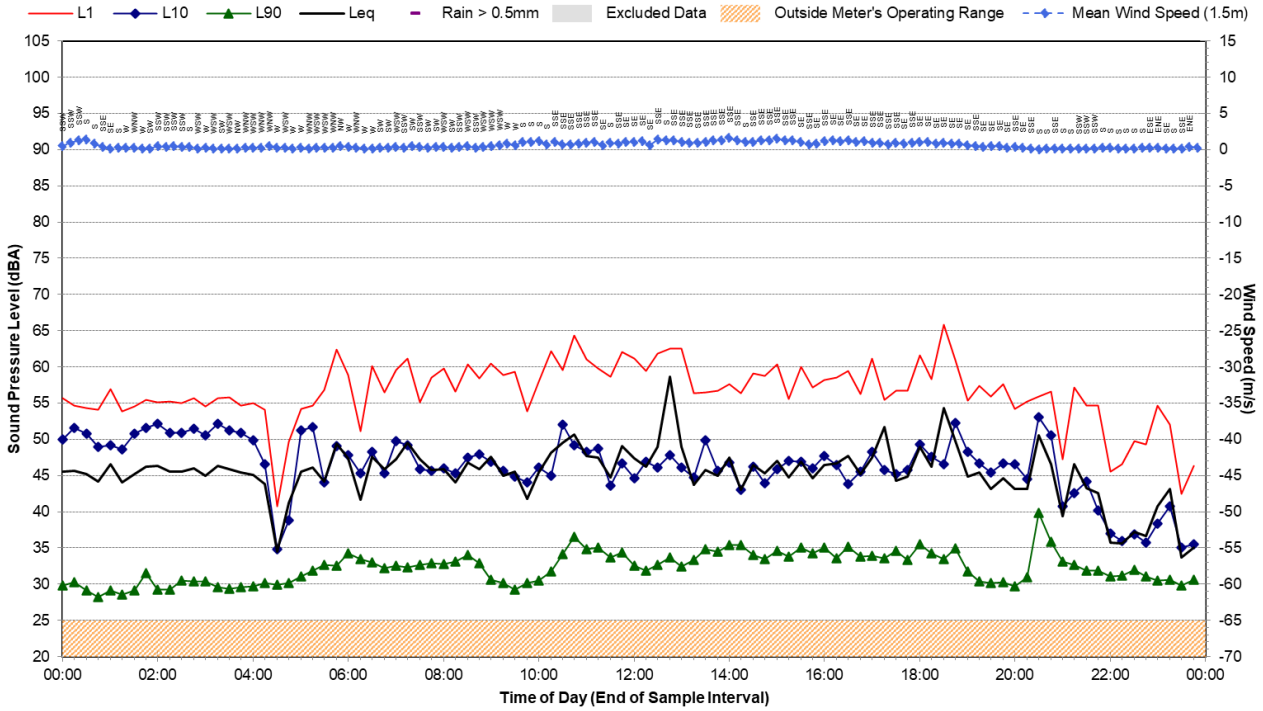
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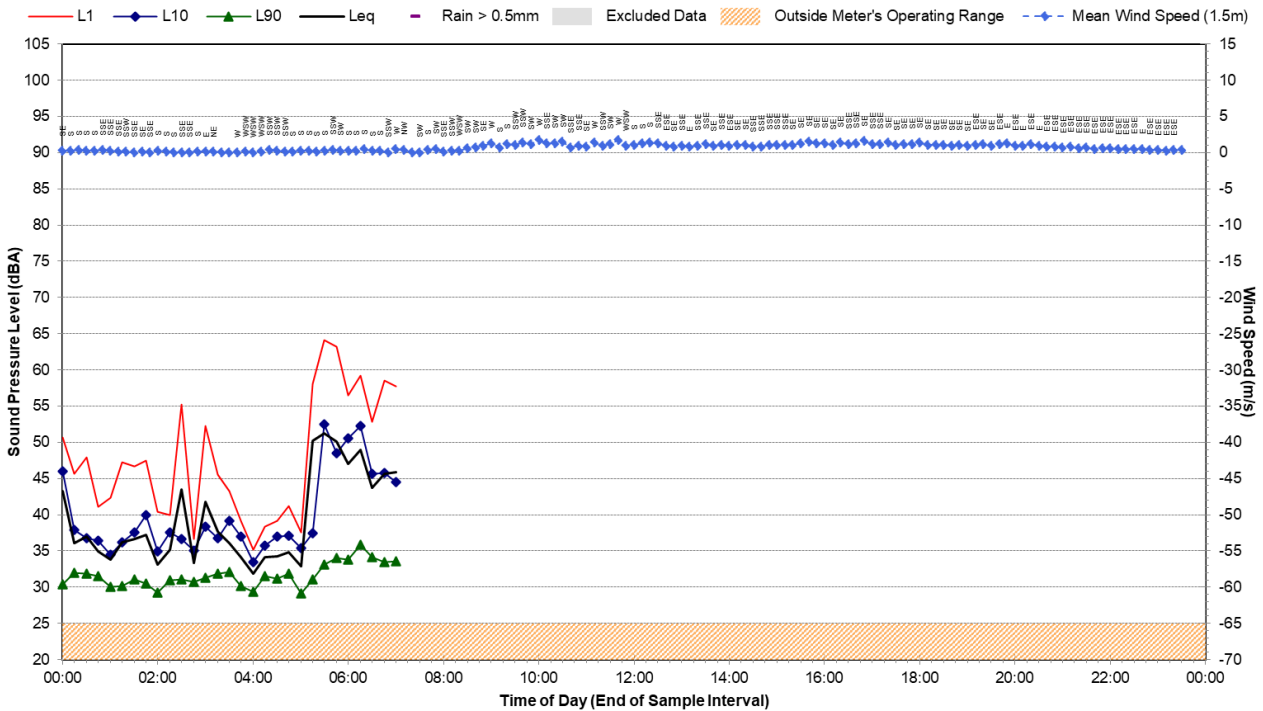
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