

20). Assistance in preparing data for these contours can be obtained through the Office Chief of Engineers (DAEN-MCE-P) and Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL). Requests for such assistance are to be forwarded in accordance with reference CERL Technical Report E-42, table 7-1. Blast noise, helicopter noise and truck noise programs are under development and OCE will issue Technical Reports in each area.

(f) Technical assistance in quantifying noise problems, identifying possible violation of standards, making noise surveys for inclusion in environmental impact assessments or impact statements, etc., may be requested from the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (USA-EHA) in accordance with §650.170(b).

#### §650.173 Noise complaints.

While not to be used as the sole criterion for judging the severity of environmental noise impacts, citizen complaints may be indicators of situations where noise control measures will be necessary. Such complaints should be logged, investigated, and appropriate corrective measures taken wherever possible. In many instances, such problems can be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the Army and the community through direct consultation among those involved.

#### §650.174 Low-noise-emission products.

Under section 15 of the Noise Control Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-574), the US Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for administering a national program for the development of low-noise-emission products. EPA certifies new products whose noise emissions are significantly below the EPA source emission standards for these products as low-noise-emission products. Such certified products of a commercial nature will be acquired by purchase by the Army in lieu of other products if the Administrator of General Services determines that the product costs no more than 125 percent of the retail price of the least expensive type of product for which these are certified substitutes. Those products found to meet the low-noise-emission criteria will be announced as available through

regular supply procurement sources (40 CFR part 203 and Noise Control Act of 1972, section 15).

#### §650.175 Waivers and exemptions from noise standards.

Requests for exemption or waiver of a Federal or State noise standard will be forwarded through channels to HQDA (DAEN-ZCE) WASH DC 20310 who will take appropriate action to obtain OSD approval. Waivers will be requested for the specified period of time (normally one year) needed to permit compliance. Exemptions must be fully justified on the basis of mission accomplishment and military necessity.

##### TABLE 7-1—RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Executive Order 11514, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality, March 7, 1970 (35 FR 4247).

Executive Order 11752, Prevention, Control, and Abatement of Environmental Pollution at Federal Facilities, December 19, 1973 (38 FR 243).

DOD Instruction 4165.57, Air Installation Compatible Use Zones, July 30, 1973.

Noise Control Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-574 (86 Stat. 1248).

Amendment to the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require Aircraft Noise Abatement (Pub. L. 90-411).

AR 40-5 Health and Environment.

AR 210-20 Master Planning for Permanent Army Installations.

AR 385-10 Army Safety Program.

AR 750-20 Prevention, Control, and Abatement of Pollution from Mobile Equipment.

TB MED 251 Noise and Conservation of Hearing.

MIL-STD 1474 (MI), Noise Limits for Army Material.

User Manual for the Acquisition and Evaluation of Operational Blast Noise Data, Technical Report E-42, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, June 1974. Available under AD No. 782-911/2G1 from National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, VA 22151.

Predicting Community Response to Blast Noise, Technical Report E-17, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, December 1973. Available under AD No. 773-690 from NTIS, Springfield, VA 22151.

HUD Dept. Circular 1390.2, Noise Abatement and Control: Department Policy, Implementation Responsibilities, and Standards.

EPA Document #6E 550/9-74-004, Information on Levels of Environmental Noise Requisite to Protect Public Health and Welfare