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# PHASE 1 ACOUSTIC AUDIT - IMMISSION REPORT Amherst Island Wind Project Amherst Island, Ontario

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2	July 29, 2019	Updated Wind Rose Information and R537 Analysis
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Howe Gastmeier Chapnik Limited ("HGC Engineering") was retained by Windlectric Inc. to complete an Immission Audit of the Amherst Island Wind Project ("Wind Project") in Loyalist Township, Ontario. The project includes 26 Siemens wind turbine generators, each rated at either 2772 kW or 2942 kW. The Immission Audit is required as a condition of Renewable Energy Approval number 7123-9W9NH2 issued to Windlectric Inc. by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ("MECP"). HGC Engineering has assessed the acoustic impact against the acoustic criteria of the MECP and in accordance with the requirements of the MECP's Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise. This report presents the results from the first of two measurement campaigns, completed between October 9, 2018 and January 14, 2019, with additional data collected between March 14 and March 20, 2019 for one receptor location. The sound level measurements and analysis, as performed in accordance with the MECP's Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise, indicate that the Wind Project meets the applicable sound level limits at the five selected monitoring locations. Details of the measurements and analysis are provided herein.







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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Howe Gastmeier Chapnik Limited ("HGC Engineering") was retained by Windlectric Inc. to complete an Acoustic Audit – Immission of the Amherst Island Wind Project ("Wind Project"). The Wind Project is located in Loyalist Township, Ontario and consists of 26 Siemens SWT-xx-113 wind turbine generators, each rated at either 2772 kW or 2942 kW. All wind turbine generators have a hub height of 99.5 m.

The Audit is required as part of the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") number 7123-9W9NH2 [1] issued to Windlectric Inc. by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ("MECP"). Specifically, this report summarizes the first of two measurement campaigns that were conducted in order to satisfy one of the two audits required under Condition E of the REA. The audit was completed in accordance with the MECP's *Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise* ("Compliance Protocol") [2].

#### 2 MONITORING LOCATIONS

The Noise Assessment Report ("NAR") [3] prepared by Hatch provided sound level predictions for receptors within 1500 m of the project wind turbine generators. The receptor locations selected for the Immission Audit (R008, R316, R493, R537, R670) satisfy the two requirements of the REA:

- The receptors should represent the location of the greatest predicted noise impact.
- The receptors should be in the direction of prevailing winds from the facility.

A summary of the monitoring location selection process and the historical wind rose for the area can be found in Appendix A. Historical wind roses have been determined based on the local meteorological tower installed by the project team and compared to the previously referenced wind rose from publicly available data sources. Data from a 6-year period, between 2012 and 2018, were analyzed from a 100 m meteorological tower operated by the Wind Project and are presented as wind roses in Appendix A. The data were separated into two typical measurement periods; Phase 1 and Phase 2. The data generally trends well with the historical wind rose.







Predicted sound levels for the receptors surrounding the Wind Project were taken from the NAR and were used in the receptor selection process.

The monitoring locations were selected based on their predicted sound level, downwind location with respect to the historical wind direction, and consultation with the landowners. Detailed overviews of the selected monitoring locations are shown in Figures 1a through 1d and photos of the installations are provided in Appendix B.

HGC Engineering developed an acoustic predictive model of the site to determine the sound levels at the five selected monitoring locations without the contribution of alternate turbine S12, which was not constructed. The predicted sound levels at the receptor and monitoring locations, along with their respective UTM coordinates and distances to their respective nearest wind turbine can be found in Table 1.

Table 1: Predicted Sound Levels and UTM Coordinates of Selected Locations

	Lagation	UTM Coordinates		Nearest W	Vind Turbine	Predicted Sound Level [dBA]	
Location		Easting	Northing	ID	Distance		
R008 /	Receptor	363457	4888709	S20	780	39.1 <sup>±</sup>	
M008	Monitoring Location	363474	4888697	\$20	801	38.9*	
R316/	Receptor	358861	4890030	501	571	38.6 <sup>±</sup>	
M316	Monitoring Location	358813	4889962	S01	546	38.7*	
R493 /	Receptor	363947	4889535	S34	722	38.9 <sup>±</sup>	
M493	Monitoring Location	363913	4889495	334	715	39.0*	
R537 /	Receptor	366953	4893452	620	519	38.9 <sup>±</sup>	
M537	Monitoring Location	366918	4893452	S30	525	38.7*	
R670 /	Receptor	361834	4891347	G21	600	38.9 <sup>±</sup>	
M670	Monitoring Location	361788	4891384	S31	659	38.1*	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup> Sound level taken from NAR [3]

Receptor R008 is a vacant lot receptor located near the middle of the Wind Project, with the closest wind turbine, S20, located 780 m to the northwest. Receptor R008 is represented by monitoring location M008, 801 m to the southeast of turbine S20. Receptor R316 is a single-storey home with the closest wind turbine, S01, located 571 m to the south. Receptor R316 is represented by







<sup>\*</sup> Sound level predicted by acoustic model created by HGC Engineering

monitoring location M316, which is located in the southwest corner of the property, 546 m from wind turbine S01. Receptor R493 is a two-storey home located 722 m southeast of wind turbine S34. Monitoring location M493 was selected to represent receptor R493, and is located to the west of the residence, approximately 715 m from wind turbine S34. Receptor R537 is a participating vacant lot receptor selected to represent non-participating receptors R401 and R470 and is represented by monitoring location M537. Wind turbine S30 is located approximately 519 m south of receptor R537 and 525 m south of monitoring location M537. Receptor R670 is a vacant lot receptor located 600 m northwest of turbine S31. Receptor R670 is represented by monitoring location M670, which is located 659 m northwest of turbine S31.

The Wind Project area is generally rural in nature with infrequently travelled gravel and paved roads.

## 3 **INSTRUMENTATION**

The Compliance Protocol provides instrumentation requirements for Acoustical Audits of wind energy projects. The instrumentation used for this acoustic audit satisfies the requirements of the Compliance Protocol.

Audio frequency sound levels were measured using Svantek 977 sound level meters, each connected to ½" microphones. The microphones were set at a height of approximately 4.5 m and equipped with 175 mm diameter windscreens to minimize wind-induced microphone self-noise.

The energy-equivalent average sound level, denoted L<sub>EQ</sub>, was recorded by the instrumentation. The audio-frequency measurements are presented as A-weighted sound levels as they are intended to represent the loudness of sounds as perceived by the human ear. The overall audio-frequency sound level monitoring results are summarized in this report.

In addition to the acoustic instrumentation, meteorological instruments were used. A weather station was deployed at monitoring location M537 to collect ground weather conditions including temperature, humidity, and precipitation. NRG anemometers and wind vanes were used at each receptor location to collect 10 m height wind speed and direction.







The various instruments deployed by HGC Engineering are summarized in Table 2, and their respective locations are shown in Figures 1 through 1d.

**Table 2: Measurement Instrumentation** 

Location	Instrumentation Make and Model	Serial Number
14000	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36426
M008 (R008)	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500262946
1016	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36439
M316 (R316)	M316 (R316)  NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	
15402	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36816
M493 (R493)	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500245122
15505	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36827
M537 (R537)	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500265230
	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36428
M670	Svantek 977 sound level meter	45419
(R670)	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500266979

The sound level meters were configured to measure and record spectral (frequency-dependent) one-minute L<sub>EQ</sub> sound levels. For identification of dominant sources, the sound level meters also recorded audio files.

Correct calibration of the acoustic instrumentation was verified using an acoustic calibrator manufactured by Brüel & Kjær. Calibration verification was carried out periodically throughout the measurement period.

Windscreens were used on the microphones, consistent with the requirements of MECP technical publication *NPC-103*, *Procedures* [4]. A large wind screen, 175 mm in diameter, was used on each sound level meter to minimize wind-induced microphone self-noise at higher wind speeds. Sound level data included herein has not been adjusted for the sound insertion loss of the large wind screen.







In accordance with Section D2.3 of the Compliance Protocol, all the equipment was within its annual or bi-annual calibration, confirmed by the calibration certificates found in Appendix C.

#### 4 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The MECP publication *Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms – Interpretation for Applying MOE NPC Publications to Wind Power Generation Facilities* [5] indicates the exclusionary minimum sound level limit for wind energy projects in a Class 3 environment. Additionally, the Compliance Protocol includes the same exclusionary minimum sound level limits which are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Wind Turbine Noise Criteria [dBA]

10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wind Turbine Sound Level	40.0	40.0	40.0	43.0	45.0	49.0	51.0
Exclusionary Minimum Sound Level Limits - Class 3 Area [dBA]	40.0	40.0	40.0	43.0	45.0	49.0	31.0

If the ambient sound levels (OFF condition) are greater than the exclusionary minimum sound level limits identified in Table 3, then the applicable limits are the ambient sound (OFF condition) level in each of the integer wind speed bins. Both the exclusionary minimum and the applicable sounds level limits for each receptor location are shown in Tables 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, and 9b, below.

It should be noted that the sound level limits of the MECP apply only to the sound level contribution of the sound source under assessment, in this case the sound from the wind turbine generators. Thus, where a sound level measured at a receptor location includes significant sound due to the relevant sound source and unrelated background sound sources (i.e., road vehicles, trains, air traffic, farming machinery, wind, etc.), some form of evaluation must be made to determine the sound level contribution of the source under assessment in the absence of the background sounds. Methodology prescribed by the MECP to complete an assessment of a wind energy project is discussed in the following section.







## 5 **METHODOLOGY**

The REA requires the acoustic audit be completed in accordance with Part D of the Compliance Protocol. Part D includes requirements for instrumentation, measurement, and data reduction procedures to assist with determining compliance.

A series of one-minute energy-equivalent sound level measurements are collected with ("ON") and without ("OFF") the wind turbines operating. The ON condition is defined as any period where all wind turbine generators within 3 km of the measurement location are operational. The OFF condition is defined as any period where sufficient nearby wind turbine generators are parked (i.e. 0 rpm) to reduce the total sound level contribution of the facility at the measurement location to less than 30 dBA.

Simultaneously, wind speed and direction at 10 m height are measured and collected in one-minute intervals. The measured sound level data is separated into integer wind speed "bins" where the sound levels corresponding to each integer wind speed are logarithmically averaged to determine the LeQ sound level when the wind turbines are operational and when they are parked. The ambient LeQ (turbines parked) is logarithmically subtracted from the overall LeQ (turbines operational) to determine the sound level contribution of the wind turbines alone. Supplementary data including wind speed at turbine hub height, wind speed at noise measurement height, turbine electrical power output, turbine yaw position, temperature, humidity, and statistical noise indices (Ln) can also be measured during the monitoring campaign to aid in the analysis.

Part D of the Compliance Protocol requires at least 120 one-minute intervals be measured for each 10 m height wind speed between 4 and 7 m/s when the turbines are operating and at least 60 one-minute intervals be measured for each 10 m height wind speed between 4 and 7 m/s when the turbines are parked. Prior to determining the number of data points measured in each wind speed bin, the data is filtered to only include night-time hours (between 22:00 and 05:00) and data outside of rainfall (no rain within one hour of the measurement interval). In accordance with the environmental specifications of the instrumentation, data measured during periods with temperatures below -10°C or relative humidity greater than 90% were omitted from the analysis. Data is also filtered to only include periods where the closest turbine is operating at greater or







equal to 85% of its rated electrical power output and at least 90% of its maximum sound power, and the turbine yaw position is +/-45 degrees from the line of sight between the closest turbine and the measurement location (measurement location is downwind).

In the case of monitoring location M537, a modified electrical power filter was used for the closest wind turbine generator, to increase the number of valid data points in the 5 m/s bin. It was determined through analysis that the turbine operation (ON) sound levels at M537 remained relatively unchanged (within one standard deviation) between 60% and 85% of the rated electrical output of the closest wind turbine (S30). Data below 65% of the rated electrical power was excluded from the analysis for monitoring location M537. The analysis supporting the use of the modified power filter is shown in Appendix D.

The specific downwind and power filters used at each location are summarized in Table 4.

**Nearest Wind Turbine (s)** Filters Used in Analysis Location **Downwind Rated Electrical Acceptable Yaw** ID Power [kW] **Direction** Power [kW] **Position** S20 and S05 240° to  $355^{\circ \Delta}$ R008 / M008 310° and 285° 2942 and 2942 2501 (85%) R316 / M316 S01 140° 2772 95° to 185° 2356 (85%) R493 / M493 300° 255° to 345° S34 2772 2356 (85%) R537 / M537 S30 170° 2772 125° to 215° 1801 (65%) R670 / M670 S31 120° 2772 75° to 165° 2356 (85%)

**Table 4: Downwind Direction and Power Filters** 

If the measurement campaign does not yield sufficient data to satisfy the minimum requirements of Part D of the Compliance Protocol, a Revised Assessment Methodology Immission Audit can be completed. As described in Part E5.5 of the Compliance Protocol, three wind speed bins between 1 and 7 m/s or two wind speed bins between 1 and 4 m/s are required. With appropriate justification, the number of one-minute intervals required in each bin may be reduced to 60 for turbine operational measurements (ON) and 30 for ambient measurements (OFF). Appropriate justification for a reduced amount of data is determined on a case-by-case basis and may include the length of the monitoring campaign (greater than 6 weeks) and lower standard deviation of the







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>Δ</sup> The acceptable downwind direction considers the location of both S20 and S05, as per Section E5.5.2(10) and Appendix F11 of the Compliance Protocol.

See appendix D for analysis supporting the use of the modified power filter at R537/M537.

sound levels. If there is insufficient ambient sound level data (OFF), a value of 30 dBA or data from a lower wind speed bin may be used to represent the ambient sound level at higher wind speed bins.

The Compliance Protocol allows for the removal of individual events to improve the signal to noise ratio. An additional filter to remove gusty wind events that cause low frequency buffeting on the microphone was included in the data analysis. This filter included removing data where the sound level in the 20 Hz octave band was greater than 70 dB. A review of the audio recordings allows for the identification of the dominant noise source within a given one-minute interval, and the subsequent removal of data points that contain interference (birds, car passbys, voices, dogs, wind gusts, etc.).

Adjustments to the measured sound levels may be required based on wind turbine tonality, if any. If during the acoustic measurement campaign, the project wind turbines exhibit tonal characteristics (a whine, screech, buzz or hum), then an assessment of the tonal audibility is required according to the CAN/CSA publication *Wind Turbine Generator Systems – Part 11: Acoustical Measurement Techniques* [6] or at the MECP Director's discretion another equivalent standard/procedure (such as ISO 20065). The average tonal audibility correction must be determined for each integer wind speed and the correction added to the final noise contribution of the Wind Project at those wind speeds, in accordance with International Standards Organization 1996-2 [7].

# 6 TONALITY ASSESSMENT

Based on our site observations up close to the wind turbine generators and review of the audio recordings there were no tones identified/observed at the turbines or the monitoring locations.

The audio recordings collected during the monitoring were utilized to generate one-minute narrow-band spectra, from approximately 20 Hz to 6000 Hz. The tonal audibility results for each one-minute data point were binned into integer wind speeds to determine the tonal audibility value for each wind speed bin. Where positive tonal audibility is determined, adjustments are made to the wind project only sound levels based on the procedure described in ISO 1996-2.







The detailed tonality analysis found no relevant tones and no penalties are applicable for this measurement campaign. Summary results of the tonality analysis are found in Appendix E. Detailed tonality analysis results are available electronically, upon request.

#### 7 MEASUREMENTS AND RESULTS

Sound level measurements were conducted between October 9, 2018, and January 14, 2019 for four receptor locations and additionally between March 14 and March 20, 2019, for the fifth receptor location. The weather during the monitoring period varied, including several days with rain and snow. Temperatures ranged from -15°C to 26°C. Wind speeds at 10 m height ranged from calm up to 15 m/s. The prevailing wind direction during the measurement campaign was from the northwest and northeast, inconsistent with the historical wind rose, which shows wind predominantly from the west and southwest. Figures 2a through 6b show the wind roses for the monitoring locations during the ON and OFF conditions.

The sound level summary for data collected at Monitoring Location M008 is shown in Tables 5a and 5b. Data were collected between October 9, 2018, and January 14, 2019.

Table 5a: Monitoring Location M008 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Duciest Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
Wind Project Condition	4	5	6		
Operating (ON)	110	107	73		
Ambient (OFF)	208	183	92		





Table 5b: Monitoring Location M008 - Sound Level Summary

L <sub>EQ</sub> Sound Level [dBA]		10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]					
		4		5		6	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	43	1.7	44	1.4	46	1.4	
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	40	2.7	42	2.5	44	2.3	
Wind Project Only	39		40		40		
Exclusionary Minimum Criteria	4	0	4	.0	4	.0	
Applicable Criteria	40		42 <sup>±</sup>		44 <sup>±</sup>		
Excess	(	0	(	)	(	0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup>Ambient (OFF) sound levels are greater than the exclusion limit. As a result, the applicable limit is the Ambient (OFF) sound level.

Data for Operating ON conditions increase as wind speeds increase, which follows the increase in the Ambient OFF sound at this receptor. Ambient OFF conditions were not explicitly sorted for downwind conditions, however the data utilized is nearly all in the downwind direction. Ambient OFF sound levels are dominated by foliage noise in neighbouring trees and large woodlots.

Based on the data presented above, and in Figures 7a and 7b, the Wind Project is compliant with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring location M008.

The sound level summary for data collected at monitoring location M316 is shown in Tables 6a and 6b. Data were collected between October 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019.

Table 6a: Monitoring Location M316 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
Wind Project Condition	5	6	7		
Operating (ON)	61	97	115		
Ambient (OFF)	247	145	63		







Table 6b: Monitoring Location M316 - Sound Level Summary

I Cound I ovel [dDA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]						
L <sub>EQ</sub> Sound Level [dBA]	5		6		7		
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	43	1.7	45	1.8	47	1.9	
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	42	1.3	44	1.4	46	1.5	
Wind Project Only	35		37		41		
Exclusionary Minimum Criteria	40		40		43		
Applicable Criteria	42 <sup>±</sup>		44 <sup>±</sup>		46 <sup>±</sup>		
Excess		)	0		0		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup>Ambient (OFF) sound levels are greater than the exclusion limit. As a result, the applicable limit is the Ambient (OFF) sound level.

A similar trend of increasing ON and OFF data with increasing wind speeds is seen at this receptor. Ambient OFF conditions were dominated by foliage noise and distant lake noise. Based on the data presented above, and in Figures 8a and 8b, the Wind Project is compliant with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring location M316.

The sound level summary for data collected at monitoring location M493 is shown in Tables 7a and 7b. Data were collected between October 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019.

**Table 7a: Monitoring Location M493 - Summary of Valid Data Points** 

Wind Duciest Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
Wind Project Condition	5	6	7		
Operating (ON)	64	131	152		
Ambient (OFF)	186	250	142		





Table 7b: Monitoring Location M493 - Sound Level Summary

I Cound I ovel [dDA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]						
L <sub>EQ</sub> Sound Level [dBA]	5		6		7		
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	43	1.1	43	0.9	46	1.4	
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	40	3.5	42	3.5	43	2.6	
Wind Project Only	39		37		43		
Exclusionary Minimum Criteria	40		40		43		
Applicable Criteria	40		42 <sup>±</sup>		43		
Excess	0		0		0		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup>Ambient (OFF) sound levels are greater than the exclusion limit. As a result, the applicable limit is the Ambient (OFF) sound level.

Operating ON and Ambient OFF conditions increase with increasing wind speeds. Ambient OFF conditions are dominated by foliage noise from several large trees surrounding the receptor location and are quite varied (higher standard deviation). The calculated Wind Project Only sound level is lower at the 6 m/s wind speed bin due the larger increase in Ambient OFF sound level over the 5 m/s bin in comparison to the Operating ON sound level (Operating ON sound level did not increase but Ambient OFF did). Based on the data presented above, and in Figures 9a and 9b, the Wind Project is compliant with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring location M493.

The sound level summary for data collected at monitoring location M537 is shown in Tables 8a and 8b. Data were collected between October 9, 2018, and January 14, 2019, with additional data collected between March 14 and March 20, 2019.

Table 8a: Monitoring Location M537 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Duciest Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
Wind Project Condition	5	6	7		
Operating (ON)	78*	125*	116*		
Ambient (OFF)	112	86	38		

<sup>\*</sup>Data was filtered using a modified turbine electrical power filter, as described in Appendix D.







Table 8b: Monitoring Location M537 - Sound Level Summary

L <sub>EQ</sub> Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]					
	5		6		7	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	43*	0.9	44*	1.2	46*	1.2
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	43	2.2	46	1.8	47	1.0
Wind Project Only	33		_#		_#	
Exclusionary Minimum Criteria	40		40		43	
Applicable Criteria	43 <sup>±</sup>		46 <sup>±</sup>		47 <sup>±</sup>	
Excess	0		0		0	

<sup>#</sup> Ambient (OFF) sound level is equal or greater than Operational (ON) sound level.

Similar to the other measurement locations, the Operating ON and Ambient OFF measurements increase with increasing wind speeds. Ambient OFF conditions are dominated by foliage noise from the larger trees and woodlots to the north of the monitoring location. Environmental conditions for the Ambient OFF data collection resulted in higher sound levels than the Operating ON conditions. This occasionally occurs in wind project audits. Directional filtering of the Ambient OFF data, based on the available data, has similar results. The data presented above utilizes a modified electrical power filter as described in Section 5. The detailed analysis supporting the use of the modified electrical power filter is found in Appendix D. Based on the data presented above, and in Figures 10a and 10b, the Wind Project is compliant with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring location M537.

The sound level summary for data collected at monitoring location M670 is shown in Tables 9a and 7b. Data were collected between October 10, 2018, and January 14, 2019.

Table 9a: Monitoring Location M670 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	5	6	7		
Operating (ON)	60	103	72		
Ambient (OFF)	218	223	71		







<sup>\*</sup>Data was filtered using a modified turbine electrical power filter, as described in Appendix D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup> Ambient (OFF) sound levels are greater than the exclusion limit. As a result, the applicable limit is the Ambient (OFF) sound level.

Table 9b: Monitoring Location M670 - Sound Level Summary

L <sub>EQ</sub> Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]					
	5		6		7	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	42	1.3	43	1.1	45	1.2
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	40	2.1	42	2.0	44	1.5
Wind Project Only	38		35		_#	
Exclusionary Minimum Criteria	40		40		43	
Applicable Criteria	40		42 <sup>±</sup>		44 <sup>±</sup>	
Excess	0		0		0	

<sup>#</sup> Ambient (OFF) and Operational (ON) sound levels are effectively equal.

Operating ON and Ambient OFF sound levels increase with increasing wind speeds. Ambient OFF conditions are dominated by foliage noise from the surrounding trees and woodlots. Directional filtering of the Ambient OFF data, based on the available data, has similar results to those presented in Table 9b. Based on the data presented above, and in Figures 11a and 11b, the Wind Project is compliant with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring location M670.

Appendix F includes a statement from the Wind Project indicating the wind turbine generators were operating normally from October 9, 2018, to January 14, 2019, and from March 14 to March 20, 2019.

# 8 CONCLUSIONS

The measurements and analysis, performed in accordance with the methods prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' 2017 publication *Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise* indicate that the Amherst Island Wind Project is operating in compliance with the applicable criteria and the MECP's exclusionary minimum sound level criteria at monitoring locations M008, M316, M493, M537, and M670.







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>±</sup> Ambient (OFF) sound levels are greater than the exclusion limit. As a result, the applicable limit is the Ambient (OFF) sound level.

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Figure 1 - Location of Sound Level Monitors - Overview







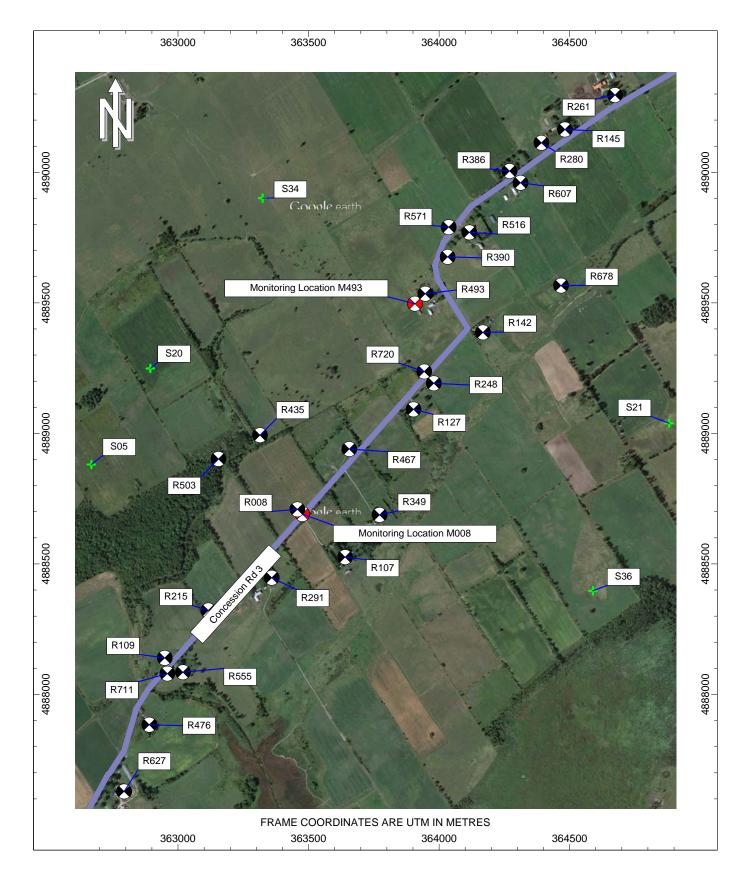


Figure 1a - Location of Receptors R008 and R493 and Monitoring Locations M008 and M493 Amherst Island Wind Project - Phase 1 Immission Audit, 2018







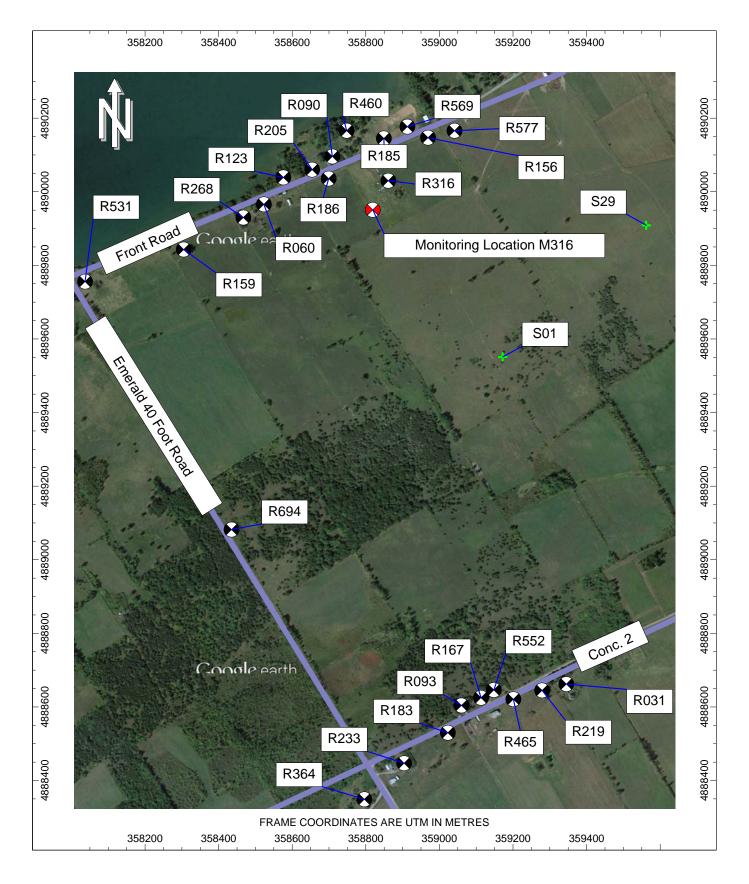


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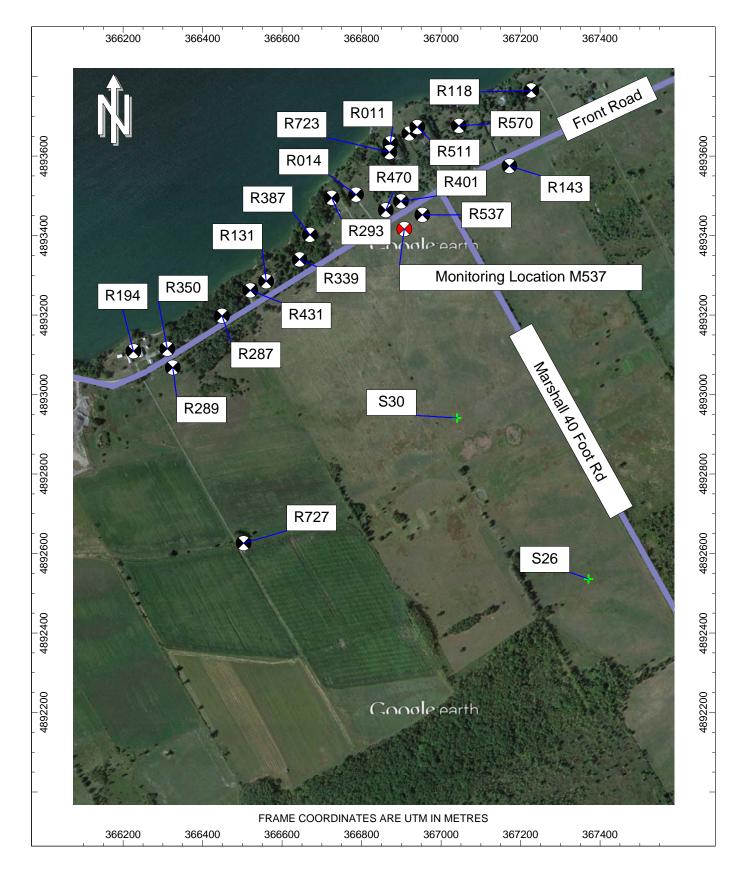


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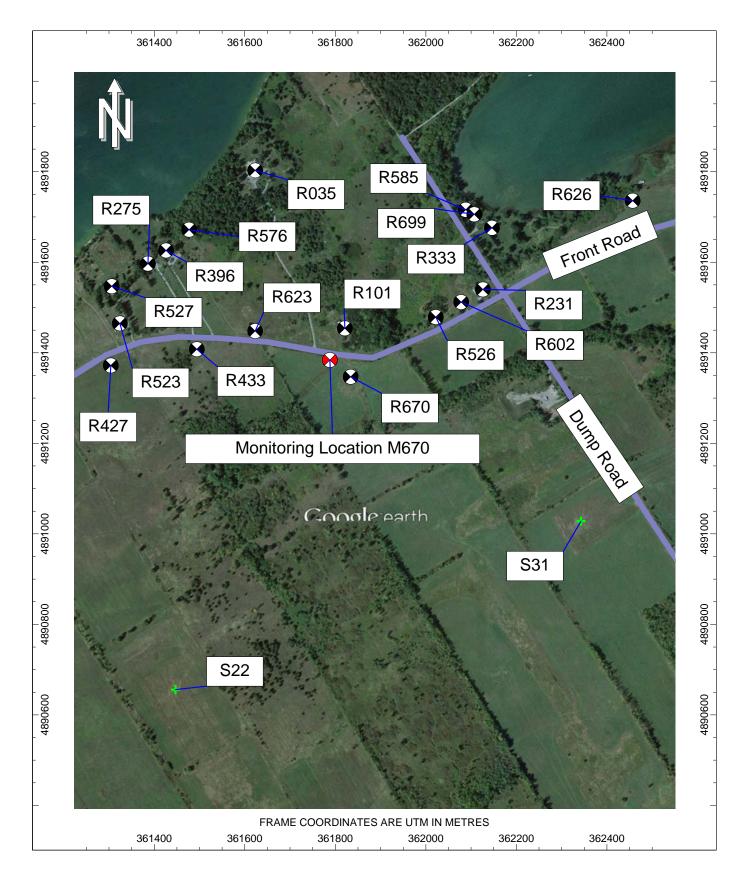


Figure 1d - Location of Receptor R670 and Monitoring Location M670 Amherst Island Wind Project - Phase 1 Immission Audit, 2018







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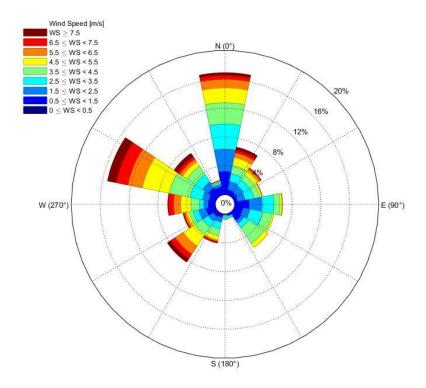


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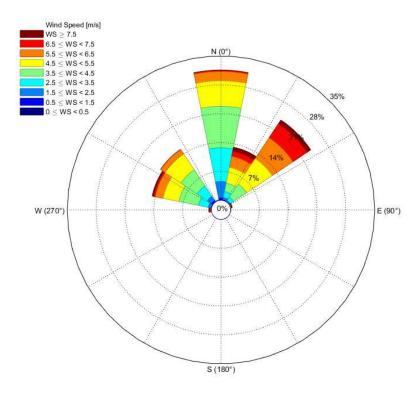








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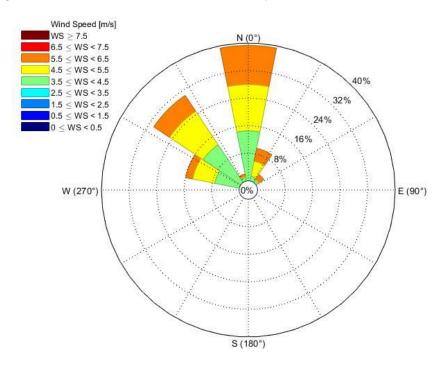


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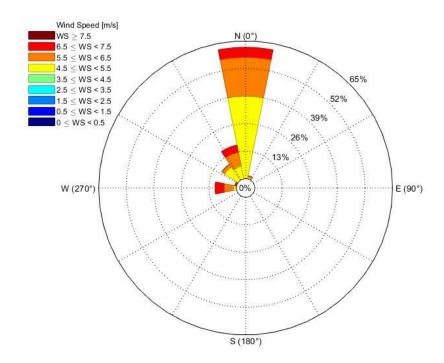








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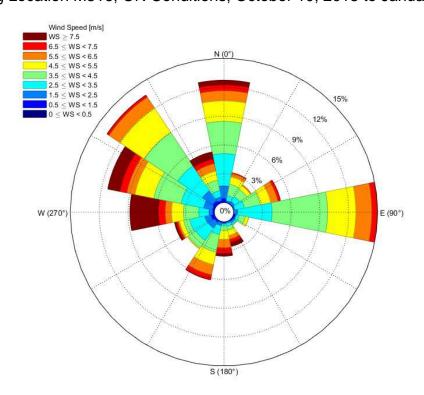


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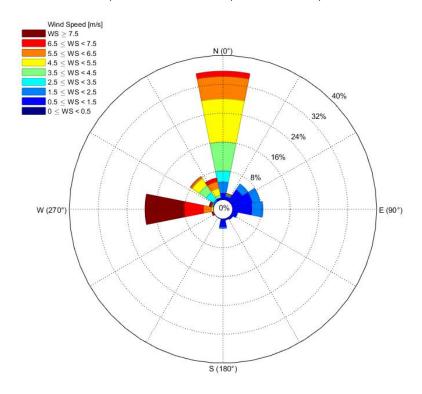








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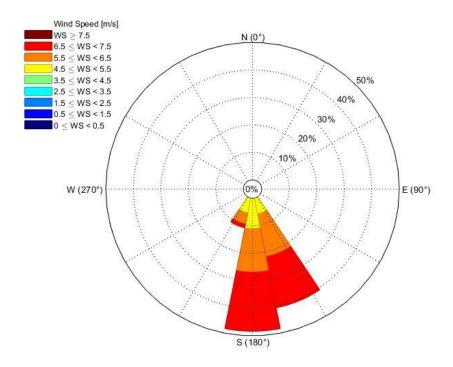


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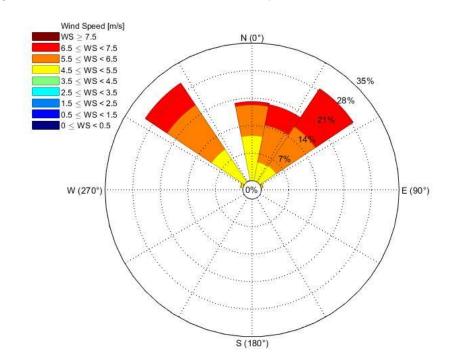








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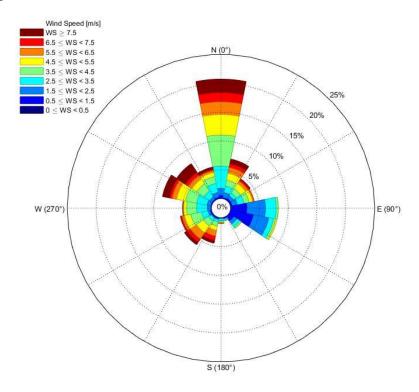


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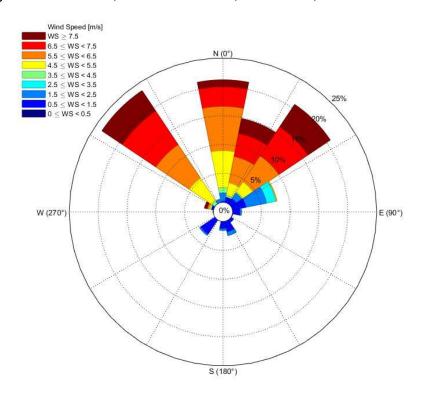








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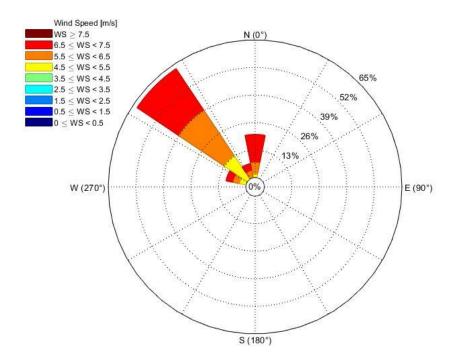


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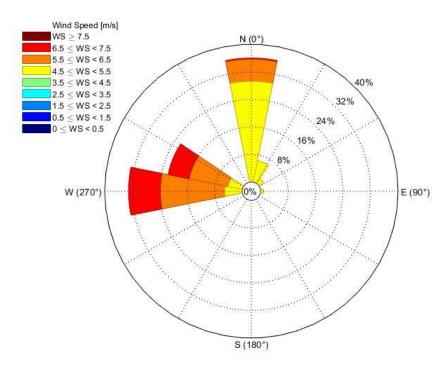








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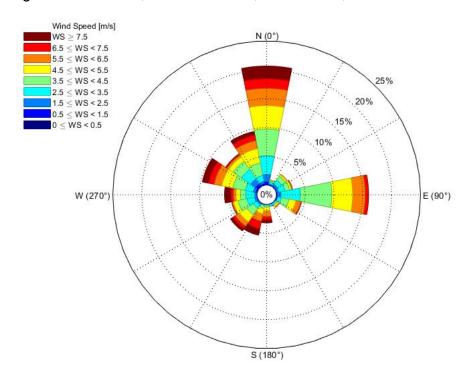


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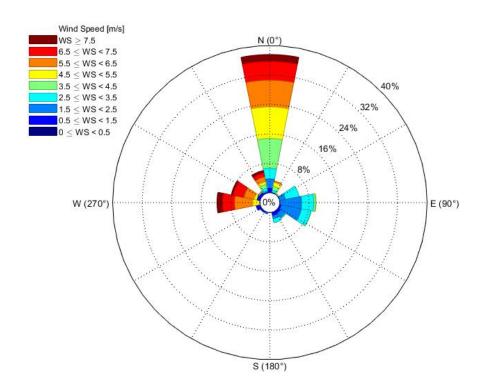








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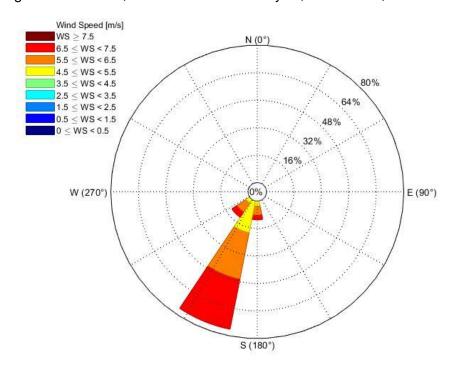


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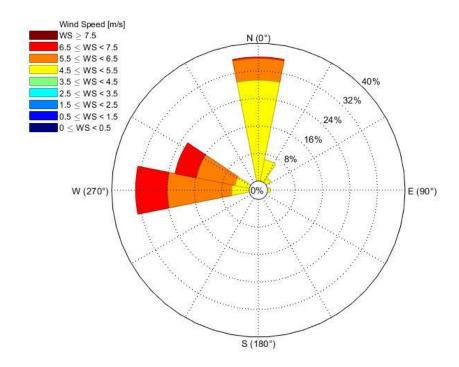








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Monitoring Location M670, ON Conditions, October 10, 2018 to January 14, 2019

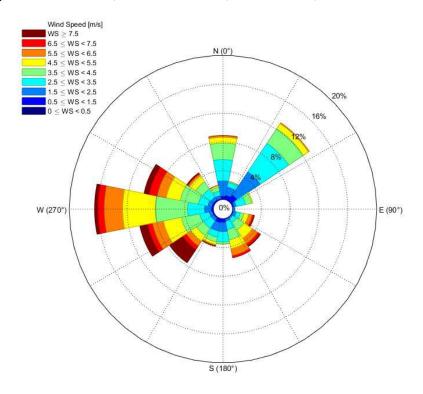


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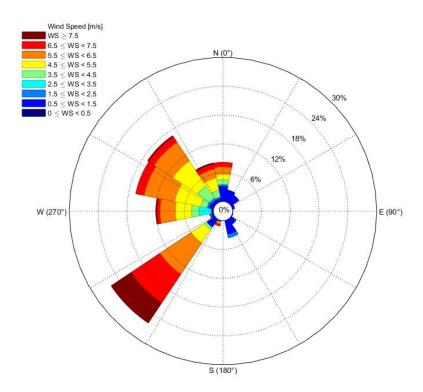








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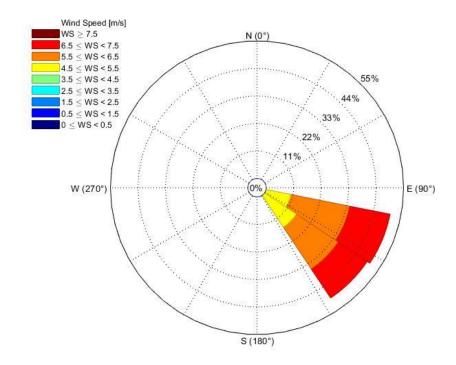


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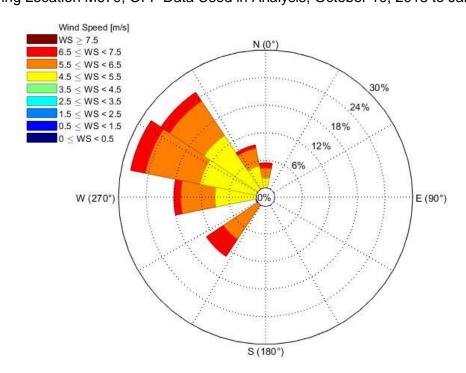








Figure 7a: Amherst Island Wind Project, Immission Results Monitoring Location M008, October 9, 2018 to January 14, 2019









**Figure 7b: Amherst Island Wind Project, Immission Results** Monitoring Location M008, October 9, 2018 to January 14, 2019

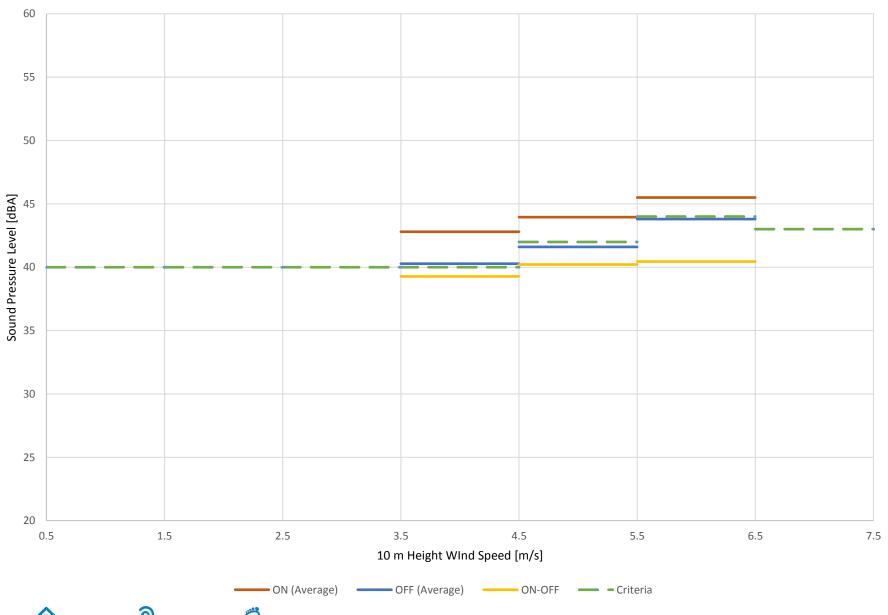








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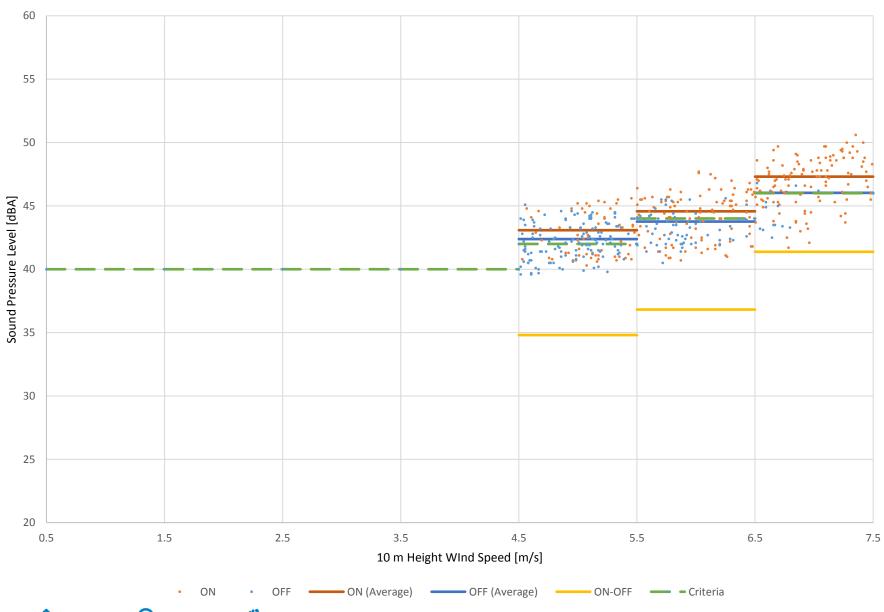
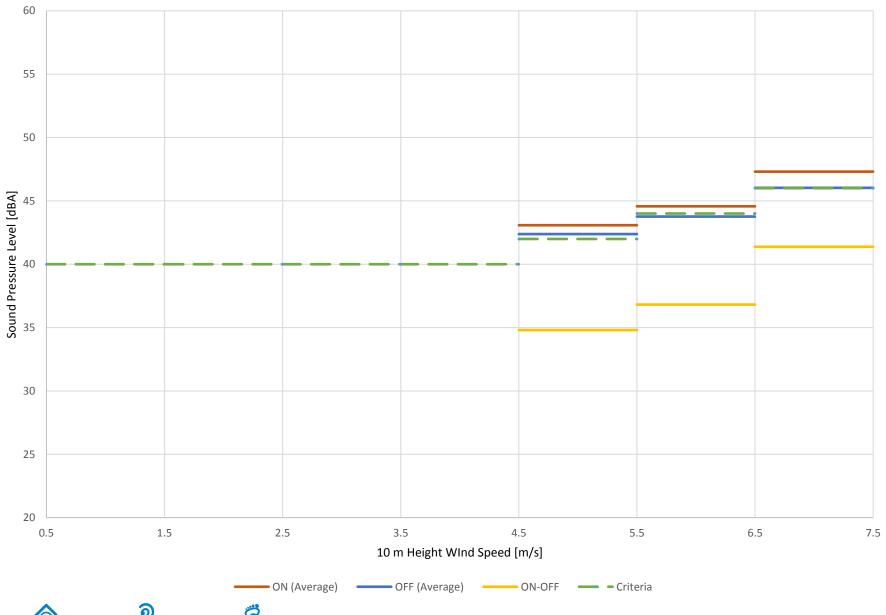








Figure 8b: Amherst Island Wind Project, Immission Results Monitoring Location M316, October 10, 2018 to January 14, 2019







**Figure 9a: Amherst Island Wind Project, Immission Results** Monitoring Location M493, October 9, 2018 to January 14, 2019







**Figure 9b: Amherst Island Wind Project, Immission Results** Monitoring Location M493, October 9, 2018 to January 14, 2019

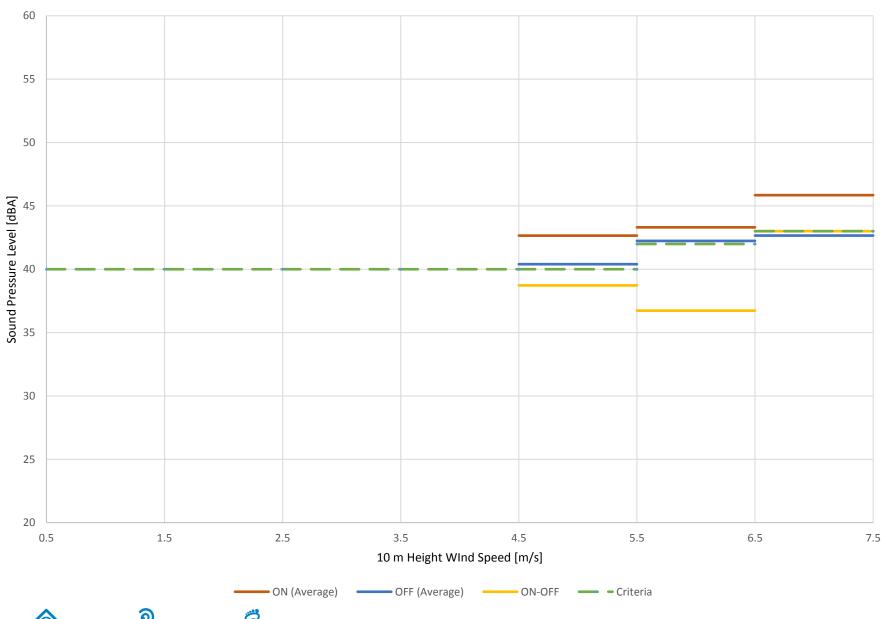








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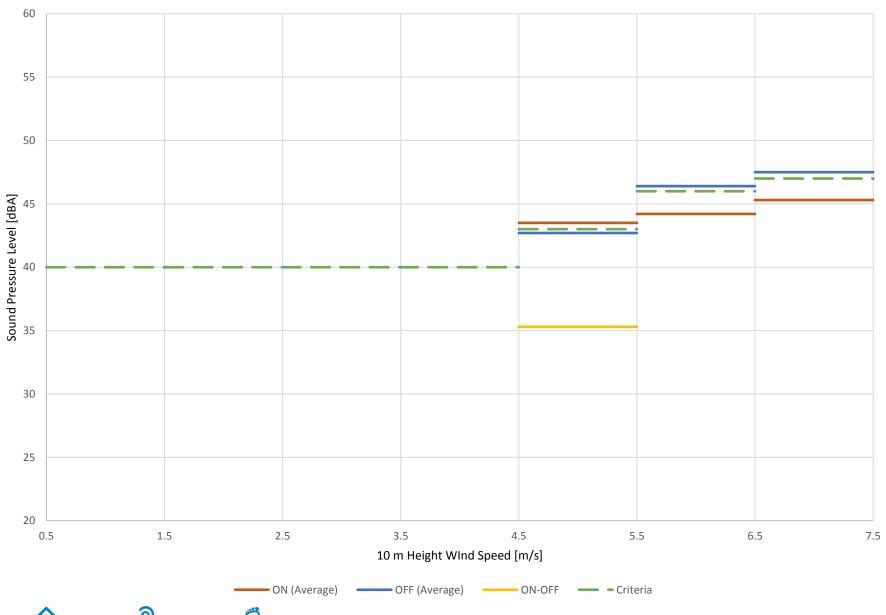






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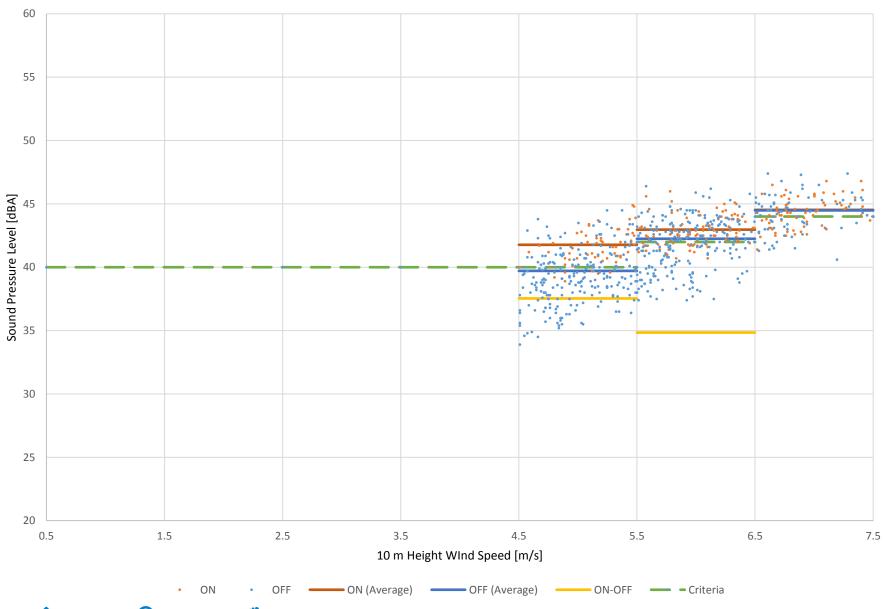
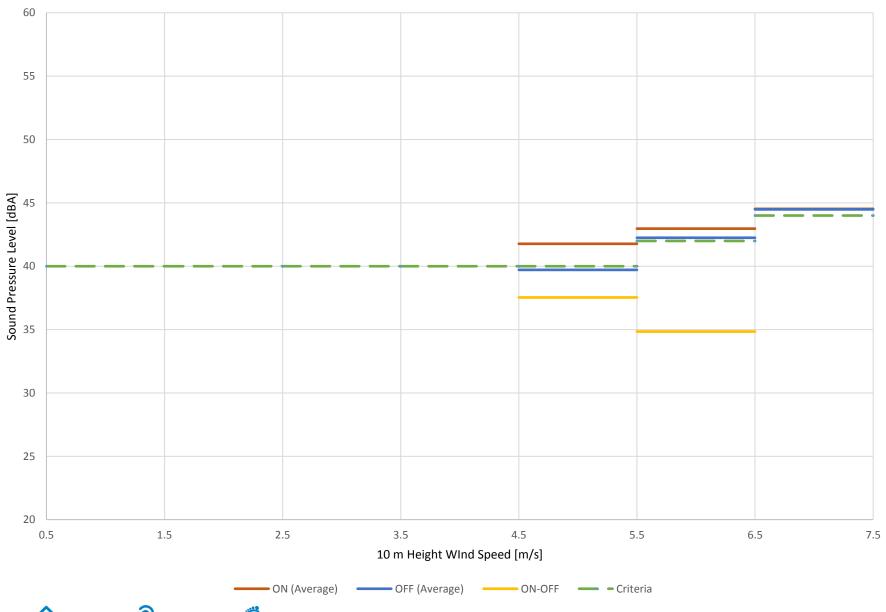








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# APPENDIX A: MONITORING LOCATION SELECTION







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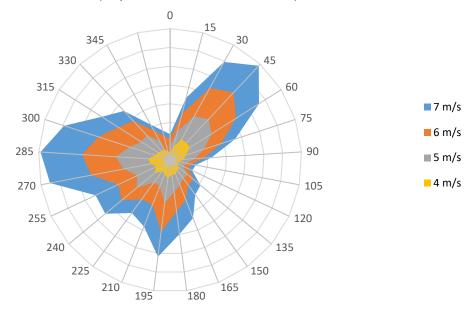
Figure A1: Annual Wind Rose [9]



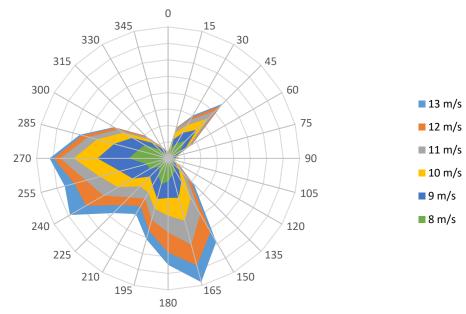




Figure A2a: Wind Direction - Amherst Island Wind Farm Meteorological Tower,100 m Height, Wind Speeds 4-7 m/s Phase 1 Data (September 1 to November 30), 2012 to 2018



**Figure A2b: Wind Direction - Amherst Island Wind Farm** Meteorological Tower,100 m Height, Wind Speeds 8-13 m/s Phase 1 Data (September 1 to November 30), 2012 to 2018









**Table A1: Potential Receptor Locations** 

		~		Nearest	Source :	Distance (m)	Predicted		
ID	Description	Coord	Coordinates		WTG		Sound Level @ 4.5 m Height	Notes	
		X	Y	Distance	ID	Distance	(dBA) <sup>±</sup>		
R503	Vacant	363155	4888902	434	S20	2197	43.1	Participating	
R457	Existing	365771	4889428	504	S37	3006	41.9	Participating	
R435	Vacant	363314	4888993	492	S20	2103	41.7	Participating	
R678	Vacant	364467	4889566	640	S19	1943	40.2	Participating	
R556	Existing	366391	4889653	684	S27	3439	39.7	Participating	
R376	Existing	362412	4889866	783	S20	1499	39.6	Participating	
R177	Existing	366495	4889660	712	S02	3531	39.2	Participating	
R297	Existing	365371	4888610	651	S21	3255	39.2	Participating	
R369	Existing	360965	4890937	558	S22	2310	39.2	Large pond and close to lake, not downwind	
R008	Vacant	363457	4888709	780	S20	2394	39.1	Selected Receptor	
M008	Monitoring Location	363474	4888697	801	S20	2407	38.9*	Selected Monitoring Location	
R015	Existing	365758	4889070	816	S19	3208	39.1	Participating	
R044	Vacant	362910	4890438	679	S34	749	39.1	Participating	
R048	Vacant	362789	4890459	724	S31	797	39.1	Participating	
R115	Vacant	365282	4888463	696	S36	3314	39.1	Participating	
R179	Vacant	366131	4889365	798	S37	3345	39.1	Participating	
R577	Vacant	359041	4890166	581	S29	4329	39.1	Participating	
R727	Existing	366503	4892626	622	S30	3578	39.1	Inaccessible	
R142	Existing	364168	4889387	794	S21	1930	39.0	Not downwind	
R600	Existing	362831	4891653	793	S31	709	39.0	Participating	
R673	Existing	366974	4890051	582	S02	3849	39.0	Lake noise interference, not downwind	
R235	Vacant	365888	4889147	806	S37	3265	38.9	Lake noise interference, not downwind	
R337	Existing	368133	4891327	605	S13	4869	38.9	Permission not granted	
R467	Existing	363656	4888940	822	S20	2190	38.9	Permission not granted	
R493	Existing	363947	4889535	722	S34	1701	38.9	Selected Receptor	
M493	Monitoring Location	363913	4889495	715	S34	1725	39.0*	Selected Monitoring Location	
R526	Existing	362022	4891479	553	S31	1305	38.9	Difficult access, large trees	







		a		Nearest	Source :	Distance (m)	Predicted		
ID	Description	Coordinates		WTG	ŗ	Transformer	Sound Level @ 4.5 m Height	Notes	
			Y	Distance	ID	Distance	(dBA) ±		
R537	Vacant	366953	4893452	519	S30	4374	38.9	Selected to represent R470 and R401	
M537	Monitoring Location	366918	4893452	525	S30	4344	38.7	Selected Monitoring Location	
R578	Vacant	365567	4888834	716	S21	3224	38.9	Participating	
R582	Existing	368198	4891377	603	S13	4937	38.9	Permission not granted	
R609	Vacant	369303	4891969	659	S12	6097	38.9	Lake noise interference	
R670	Existing	361834	4891347	600	S31	1457	38.9	Selected Receptor	
M670	Monitoring Location	361788	4891384	659	S31	1509	38.1*	Selected Monitoring Location	
R099	Existing	368290	4891445	620	S13	5033	38.8	Large trees and lake interference	
R127	Existing	363902	4889092	977	S36	2101	38.8	Permission Not Granted	
R211	Vacant	362482	4890207	834	S31	1187	38.8	Participating	
R248	Vacant	363980	4889192	913	S21	2032	38.8	Participating	
R265	Existing	368058	4891269	622	S13	4792	38.8	Lake noise interference	
R322	Existing	365833	4889090	834	S37	3256	38.8	Lake noise interference	
R463	Vacant	361867	4889920	848	S22	1830	38.8	Participating	
R602	Existing	362078	4891512	552	S31	1262	38.8	R670 is representative	
R608	Vacant	369253	4891943	656	S12	6044	38.8	Lake noise interference	
R720	Vacant	363943	4889237	907	S34	1977	38.8	Participating	
R040	Existing	365623	4888851	766	S21	3253	38.7	Lake noise interference	
R128	Existing	366068	4889271	813	S37	3341	38.7	Lake noise interference	
R180	Vacant	366000	4889211	814	S37	3318	38.7	Lake noise interference	
R231	Existing	362126	4891540	556	S31	1227	38.7	R670 is representative	
R239	Existing	366019	4889228	813	S37	3324	38.7	Lake noise and large trees	
R251	Vacant	366186	4889351	839	S27	3399	38.7	Lake noise interference	
R390	Vacant	364033	4889676	743	S34	1612	38.7	Alternative location for R493	
R439	Existing	365949	4889171	817	S37	3299	38.7	Lake noise interference	
R532	Vacant	366125	4889308	829	S37	3369	38.7	Lake noise interference	







		Coordinates		Nearest	Source :	Distance (m)	Predicted	
ID	Description	Coord	unates	WTG		Transformer	Sound Level @ 4.5 m Height	Notes
		X	Y	Distance	ID	Distance	(dBA) <sup>±</sup>	
R724	Existing	367973	4891218	643	S13	4705	38.7	Lake noise interference
R156	Vacant	358969	4890147	630	S01	4403	38.6	Participating
R224	Vacant	365458	4888627	710	S21	3300	38.6	Participating
R316	Existing	358861	4890030	571	S01	4535	38.6	Selected Receptor
M316	Monitoring Location	358813	4889962	546	S01	4598	38.7*	Selected Monitoring Location
R454	Existing	368019	4891231	644	S13	4752	38.6	Lake noise interference
R571	Vacant	364037	4889790	721	S34	1514	38.6	Alternative Location for R493
R584	Existing	359512	4890469	563	S29	3809	38.6	Lake noise interference
R667	Vacant	361446	4889693	781	S16	2300	38.6	Participating







<sup>\*</sup> Sound levels taken from ENIA, unless otherwise specified [2]
\* Sound level predicted by acoustic model prepared by HGC Engineering

# APPENDIX B: MONITORING LOCATION PHOTOS







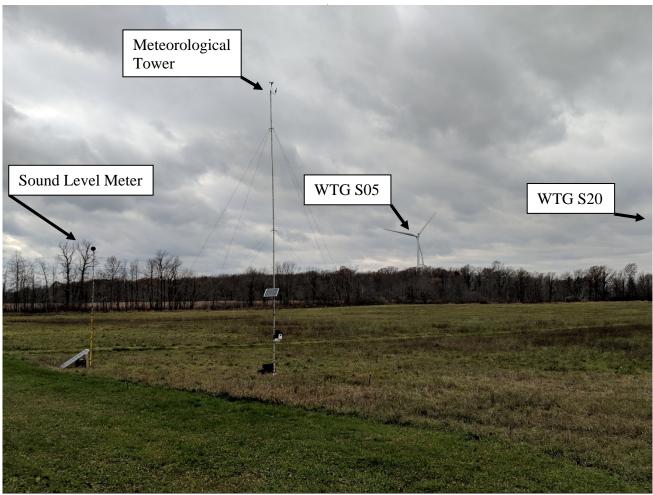


Photo of Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Location M008 (looking northwest)









Photo of Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Location M008 (looking southwest)







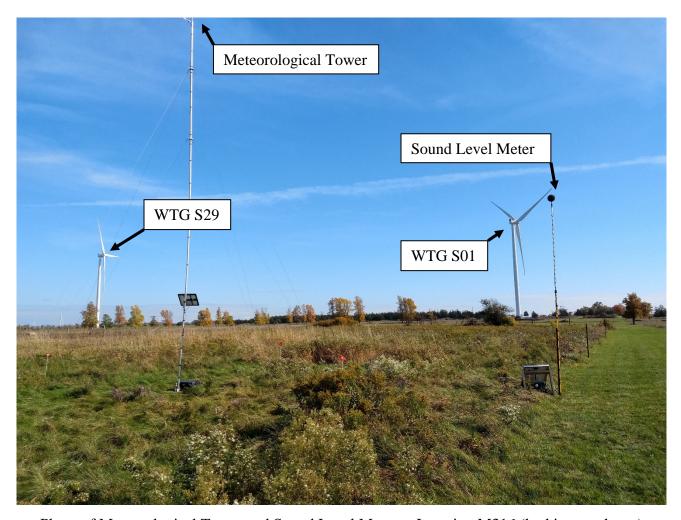


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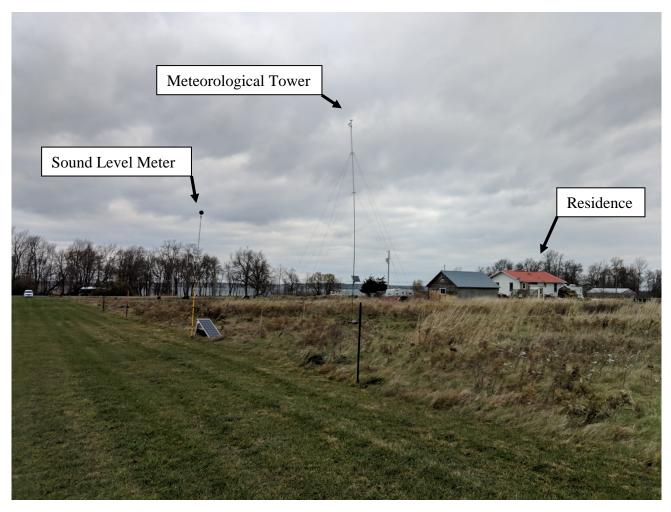


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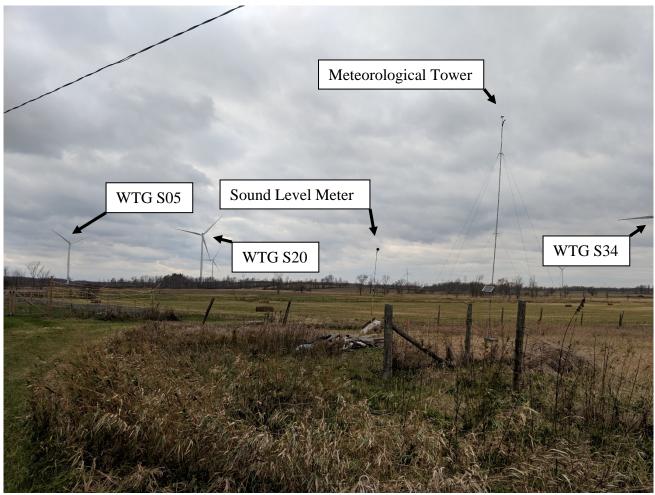


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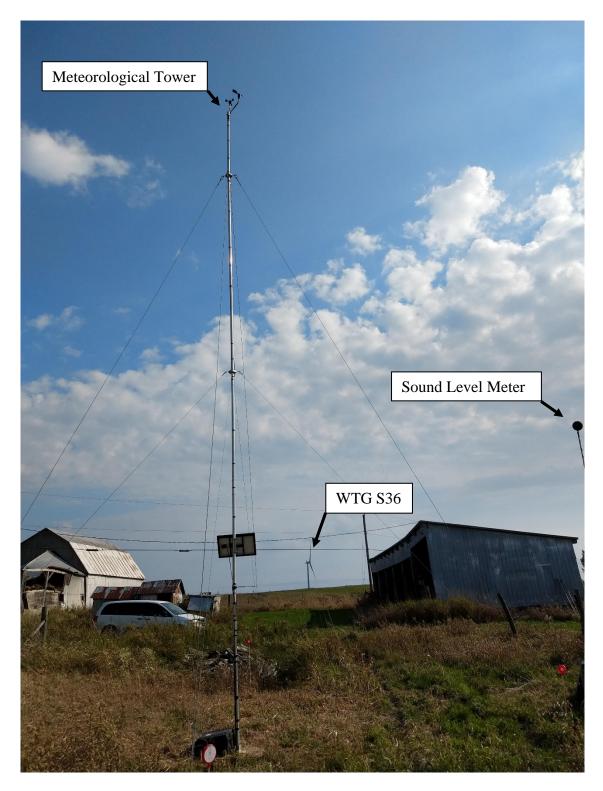


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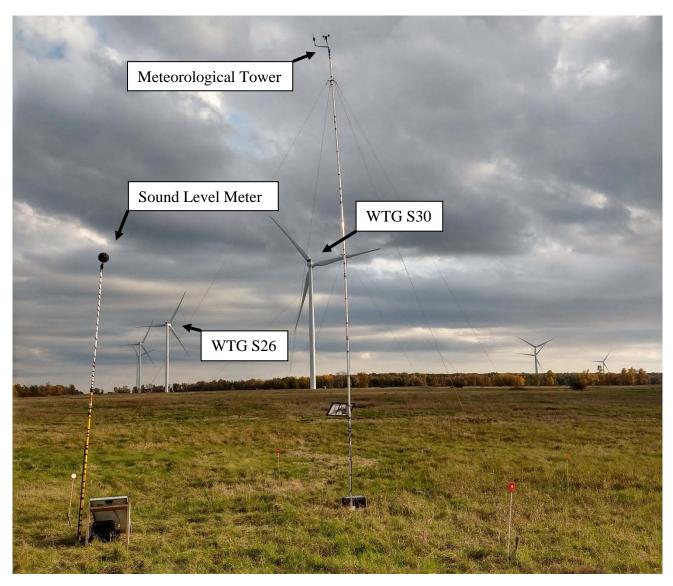


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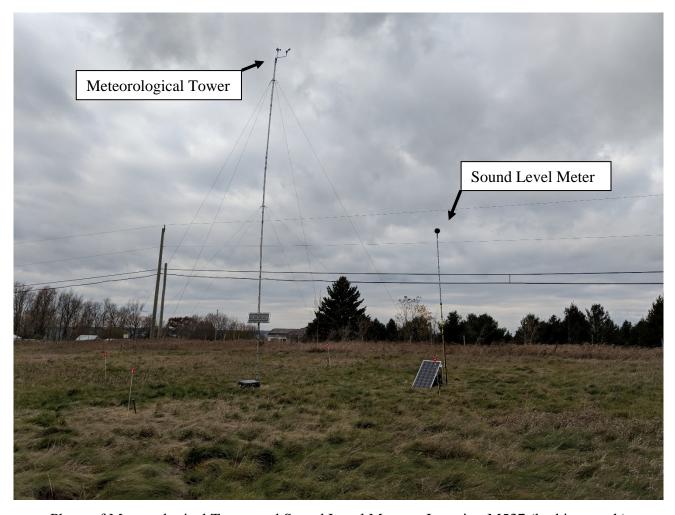


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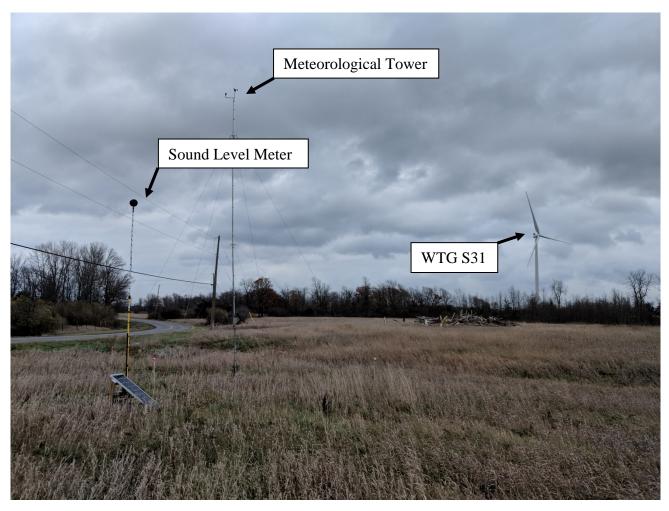


Photo of Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Location M670 (looking east)









Photo of Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Location M670 (looking southwest)







# APPENDIX C: CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

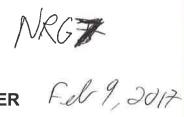








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#### CERTIFICATE FOR CALIBRATION OF CUP ANEMOMETER

Certificate number: 17.US1.01492

Type: RNRG 40C Anemometer

Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: February 03, 2017

Calibrated by: MEJ

Certificate prepared by: EJF

Calibration equation obtained:  $v \text{ [m/s]} = 0.75982 \cdot \text{ f [Hz]} + 0.36149$ 

Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00176 Covariance: -0.0000226 (m/s)2/Hz

Absolute maximum deviation: 0.036 m/s at 9.995 m/s

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Date of issue: February 06, 2017 Serial number: 179500245122

Anemometer calibrated: February 03, 2017

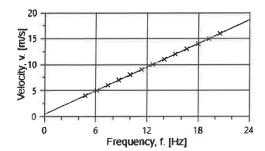
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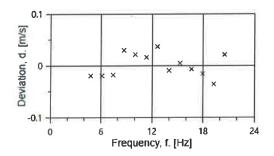
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**Relative humidity: 13.1%** 

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	[Pa]	[°C]	[°C]	[m/s]	[Hz]	[m/s]	[m/s]
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4	14.59	23.7	26.2	4.977	6.1003	-0.020	0.025
6	21.09	23.6	26.2	5.983	7.4226	-0.018	0.027
8	28.77	23.6	26.2	6.988	8.6826	0.029	0.030
10	37.62	23.6	26.2	7.990	10.0125	0.021	0.033
12	47.70	23.6	26.2	8.998	11.3456	0.016	0.036
13-last	58.86	23.6	26.2	9.995	12.6302	0.036	0.038
11	71.06	23.6	26.2	10.982	13.9912	-0.010	0.041
9	84.58	23.6	26.2	11.982	15.2886	0.004	0.045
7	99.34	23.6	26.2	12.986	16.6247	-0.007	0.048
5	115.26	23.6	26.2	13.989	17.9557	-0.016	0.051
3	131.54	23.6	26.2	14.944	19.2398	-0.036	0.054
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#### CERTIFICATE FOR CALIBRATION OF CUP ANEMOMETER

Certificate number: 18.US2.00837

Type: NRG 40C Anemometer

Date of issue: January 25, 2018 Serial number: 179500262926

Manufacturer: NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: January 19, 2018

Anemometer calibrated: January 23, 2018

Calibrated by: MEJ

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2017 Annex F

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Certificate prepared by: EJF

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

Calibration equation obtained:  $\nu$  [m/s] = 0.76360 · f[Hz] + 0.34642

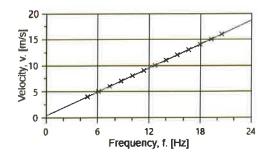
Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00137 Covariance: -0.0000138 (m/s)<sup>2</sup>/Hz Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.04097Coefficient of correlation:  $\rho = 0.999990$ 

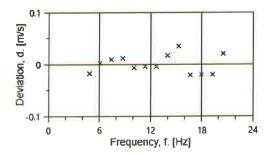
**Absolute maximum deviation:** 0.035 m/s at 12.044 m/s

Barometric pressure: 992.9 hPa

Relative humidity: 17.1%

Succession	Velocity	Temperature in		Wind	Frequency,	Deviation,	Uncertainty
	pressure, q.	wind tunnel	d.p. box	velocity, v.	f.	d.	$u_c$ (k=2)
	[Pa]	[°C]	[°C]	[m/s]	[Hz]	[m/s]	[m/s]
2	9.38	20.7	25.7	3.994	4.8006	-0.018	0.024
4	14.69	20.7	25.7	5.000	6.0908	0.002	0.025
6	21.18	20.8	25.7	6.003	7.3958	0.009	0.027
8	28.90	20.8	25.7	7.014	8.7162	0.012	0.030
10	37.73	20.8	25.7	8.015	10.0510	-0.007	0.033
12	47.81	20.8	25.7	9.022	11.3673	-0.004	0.036
13-last	59.05	20.8	25.7	10.027	12.6836	-0.005	0.039
11	71.49	20.8	25.7	11.032	13.9724	0.017	0.042
9	85.20	20.8	25.7	12.044	15.2729	0.035	0.045
7	99.66	20.8	25.7	13.026	16.6320	-0.021	0.048
5	116.08	20.7	25.7	14.057	17.9817	-0.020	0.051
3	132.84	20.7	25.7	15.037	19.2645	-0.020	0.054
1-first	150.83	20.6	25.7	16.020	20.4996	0.020	0.057













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Certificate number: 18.US2.00838

Date of issue: January 25, 2018 Serial number: 179500262946 Type: NRG 40C Anemometer

Manufacturer: NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: January 19, 2018

Calibrated by: MEJ

Certificate prepared by: EJF

Calibration equation obtained:  $v \text{ [m/s]} = 0.74720 \cdot \text{ f [Hz]} + 0.88867$ 

Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00405

Covariance: -0.0001122 (m/s)2/Hz Absolute maximum deviation: 0.114 m/s at 16.027 m/s

Barometric pressure: 992.5 hPa

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.04506

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

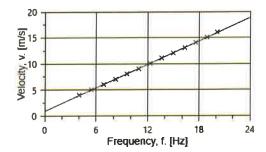
Coefficient of correlation:  $\rho = 0.999910$ 

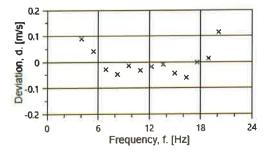
Anemometer calibrated: January 23, 2018

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2017 Annex F

Relative humidity: 17.0%

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Succession	Velocity	Temperature in		Wind	Frequency,	Deviation,	Uncertainty
	pressure, q.	wind tunnel	d.p. box	velocity, v.	f.	d.	$u_c (k=2)$
	[Pa]	[°C]	[°C]	[m/s]	[Hz]	[m/s]	[m/s]
2	9.37	21.0	25.7	3.995	4.0382	0.089	0.024
4	14.64	21.1	25.7	4.994	5.4391	0.041	0.025
6	21.11	21.1	25.7	5.997	6.8757	-0.029	0.027
8	28.78	21.1	25.7	7.004	8.2478	-0.047	0.030
10	37.78	21.1	25.7	8.025	9.5707	-0.015	0.033
12	47.78	21.1	25.7	9.026	10.9333	-0.032	0.036
13-last	59.01	21.1	25.7	10.031	12.2603	-0.018	0.039
11	71.66	21.1	25.7	11.054	13.6165	-0.009	0.042
9	84.82	21.1	25.7	12.025	14.9637	-0.044	0.045
7	99.53	21.1	25.7	13.026	16.3247	-0.061	0.048
5	115.73	21.1	25.7	14.045	17.6103	-0.002	0.051
3	132.88	21.0	25.7	15.049	18.9338	0.013	0.054
1-first	150.76	20.9	25.7	16.027	20.1077	0.114	0.057













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Certificate number: 18.US2.00840

Type: NRG 40C Anemometer

Serial number: 179500265230 Manufacturer: NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: January 19, 2018

Calibrated by: MEJ

Certificate prepared by: EJF

Anemometer calibrated: January 23, 2018

Date of issue: January 25, 2018

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2017 Annex F

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

Calibration equation obtained:  $v \text{ [m/s]} = 0.76049 \cdot \text{ f [Hz]} + 0.31991$ 

Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00155

Covariance: -0.0000176 (m/s)2/Hz

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.05025

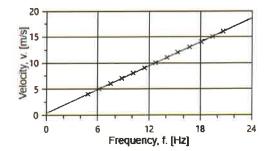
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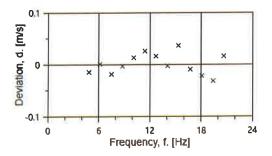
Absolute maximum deviation: 0.036 m/s at 12.021 m/s

Barometric pressure: 991.5 hPa

Relative humidity: 16.9%

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Succession	Velocity	Tempera	ature in	ure in Wind		Deviation,	Uncertainty
	pressure, q.	wind tunnel	d.p. box	velocity, v.	f.	d.	$u_c (k=2)$
	[Pa]	[°C]	[°C]	[m/s]	[Hz]	[m/s]	[m/s]
2	9.33	21.6	25.8	3.992	4.8481	-0.015	0.024
4	14.61	21.6	25.8	4.998	6.1507	0.000	0.025
6	21.06	21.6	25.8	6.000	7.4939	-0.019	0.027
8	28.72	21.7	25.8	7.007	8.7973	-0.004	0.030
10	37.63	21.7	25.8	8.021	10.1098	0.013	0.033
12	47.71	21.7	25.8	9.032	11.4232	0.025	0.036
13-last	58.59	21.7	25.8	10.009	12.7205	0.016	0.039
11	70.99	21.7	25.8	11.018	14.0710	-0.003	0.042
9	84.50	21.7	25.8	12.021	15.3385	0.036	0.045
7	99.29	21.6	25.8	13.030	16.7259	-0.010	0.048
5	115.45	21.6	25.8	14.051	18.0846	-0.022	0.051
3	132.30	21.6	25.8	15.040	19.3983	-0.032	0.054
1-first	150.21	21.5	25.8	16.024	20.6302	0.015	0.057













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Certificate number: 18.US2.00839

Date of issue: January 25, 2018 Serial number: 179500266979

Type: NRG 40C Anemometer

Manufacturer: NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: January 19, 2018

Anemometer calibrated: January 23, 2018

Calibrated by: MEJ

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Certificate prepared by: EJF

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

Calibration equation obtained:  $\nu$  [m/s] = 0.76400 · f[Hz] + 0.34251

Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00151

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.04584

Coefficient of correlation:  $\rho = 0.999987$ 

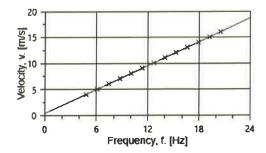
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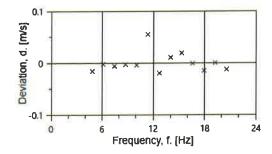
Barometric pressure: 992.0 hPa

Covariance: -0.0000169 (m/s)2/Hz

Relative humidity: 17.0%

Succession	Velocity	Temperature in		Wind	Frequency,	Deviation,	Uncertainty
	pressure, q.	wind tunnel	d.p. box	velocity, v.	f.	d.	$u_c (k=2)$
	[Pa]	[°C]	[°C]	[m/s]	[Hz]	[m/s]	[m/s]
2	9.36	21.3	25.8	3.996	4.8028	-0.016	0.024
4	14.66	21.3	25.8	5.001	6.1008	-0.003	0.025
6	21.16	21.4	25.8	6.009	7.4256	-0.006	0.027
8	28.82	21.4	25.8	7.014	8.7375	-0.004	0.030
10	37.62	21.4	25.8	8.015	10.0485	-0.005	0.033
12	47.88	21.4	25.8	9.043	11.3161	0.055	0.036
13-last	58.76	21.4	25.8	10.018	12.6902	-0.020	0.039
11	71.41	21.4	25.8	11.043	13.9927	0.010	0.042
9	84.88	21.4	25.8	12.039	15.2854	0.019	0.045
7	99.39	21.4	25.8	13.028	16.6057	-0.001	0.048
5	115.47	21.3	25.8	14.041	17.9503	-0.015	0.051
3	132.54	21.3	25.8	15.042	19.2401	0.000	0.054
1-first	150.27	21.2	25.8	16.014	20.5291	-0.013	0.057











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Make: Svantek Reference #: 151326

Model: SVAN977

Customer:

**HGC** Engineering

Mississauga, ON

Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial #: 36426

P. Order:

Asset #: SV977-2

Cal. status: Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Navair Technologies certifies that the above listed instrument was calibrated on date noted and was released from this laboratory performing in accordance with the specifications set forth by the manufacturer.

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Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

Cal. Due:

Jan 15, 2019

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Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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Reference #: 151329

Model: SVAN977

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Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial #: 36428

P. Order:

Asset #: SV977-3

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Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

Cal. Due:

Jan 15, 2019

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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Reference #: 151324 Make: Svantek

Customer: **HGC** Engineering Model & SVAN977 Mississauga, ON

Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

P. Order: Serial # # 36439

Asset # : SV977-4

16 Jan 2018 Cal. status: Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

Cal. Due: Jan 15, 2019 T. Beilin

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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Make: Svantek Reference #: 151325

Model SVAN977

Customer:

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Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial # : 36816

P. Order:

Asset #: SV977-5

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Cal. status: Received in spec's, minor adjustment made.

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Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

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Cal. Due:

Jan 15, 2019

T. Beilin

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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Make: Svantek Reference #: 151327

Model: SVAN977 Customer: HGC Engineering Mississauga, ON

Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial # : 36827 P. Order : 76

Asset #: SV977-6

Cal. status: Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

Cal. Due: Jan 15, 2019

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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### CERTIFICATE of CALIBRATION

Make: Svantek Reference # : 155093

Model: SVAN977 Customer: HGC Engineering Mississauga, ON

Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial #: 36827 P. Order: Sean Richardson

Asset #: SV977-6

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Cal. status: Received in spec's, no adjustment made,

Navair Technologies certifies that the above listed instrument was calibrated on date noted and was released from this laboratory performing in accordance with the specifications set forth by the manufacturer.

Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated: Jan 16, 2019

Cal. Due: Jan 16, 2020

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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Make: Svantek Reference #: 151328

Model: SVAN977 Customer: HGC Engineering Mississauga, ON

Descr.: Sound Level Meter Type 1

Serial #: 45419 P. Order :

Asset #: SV977-7

Cal. status: Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Calibrated: Jan 15, 2018

By:

Cal. Due: Jan 15, 2019

T. Beilii

Temperature : 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used: J-216 J-303 J-512

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## APPENDIX D: M537 POWER FILTER ANALYSIS







Table D1 - Turbine Operational (ON) - M537 - Amherst Island Wind Farm

% of Rated	_		Wind Speed Bin [m/s]						
Power (Turbine S30)	Parameter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	No. of Data Points				15	100	137	126	
60	Std. Dev.				2.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	
	Sound Level [dBA]				41.0	43.0	44.3	45.7	
65	No. of Data Points				8	78	125	116	
(Used in	Std. Dev.				0.5	0.9	1.2	1.2	
Analysis)	Sound Level [dBA]				42.5	43.2	44.3	45.7	
	No. of Data Points					55	106	109	
70	Std. Dev.					0.9	1.2	1.2	
	Sound Level [dBA]					43.3	44.4	45.6	
	No. of Data Points					33	83	99	
75	Std. Dev.					0.7	0.9	1.1	
	Sound Level [dBA]					43.2	44.3	45.5	
	No. of Data Points					18	73	98	
80	Std. Dev.					0.8	1.0	1.1	
	Sound Level [dBA]					43.4	44.4	45.6	
	No. of Data Points					16	63	89	
85	Std. Dev.					0.8	0.9	0.9	
	Sound Level [dBA]					43.5	44.2	45.3	

Table D2 - Turbine OFF (Ambient) - M537 - Amherst Island Wind Farm

% of Rated		Wind Speed Bin [m/s]							
Power (Turbine S30)	Parameter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
n/a	No. of Data Points	66	139	84	120	112	86	38	
	Std. Dev.	3.5	2.7	5.7	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.0	
	Sound Level [dBA]	28.3	27.7	36.0	40.1	42.7	46.4	47.5	







 $Table\ D3-ON-OFF\ (Turbine\ Only)-M537-Amherst\ Island\ Wind\ Farm$ 

% of Rated		Wind Speed Bin [m/s]						
Power (Turbine S30)	Parameter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No. of Data Points				15	102	137	126
60	Std. Dev.				2.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
	Sound Level [dBA]				34.0	28.9	-	-
65	No. of Data Points				8	78	125	116
(Used in	Std. Dev.				0.5	0.9	1.2	1.2
Analysis)	Sound Level [dBA]				38.8	32.9	-	-
	No. of Data Points					55	106	109
70	Std. Dev.					0.9	1.2	1.2
	Sound Level [dBA]					34.6	-	-
	No. of Data Points					33	83	99
75	Std. Dev.					0.7	0.9	1.1
	Sound Level [dBA]					33.4	-	-
	No. of Data Points					18	73	98
80	Std. Dev.					0.8	1.0	1.1
	Sound Level [dBA]					35.1	-	-
	No. of Data Points					16	63	89
85	Std. Dev.					0.8	0.9	0.9
	Sound Level [dBA]					35.3	-	-







Figure D1 - Sound Pressure Level vs. Turbine S30 Power Output - 5 m/s Wind Speed Bin M537, Amherst Island Wind Farm, Phase 1 Immission Audit, 2018

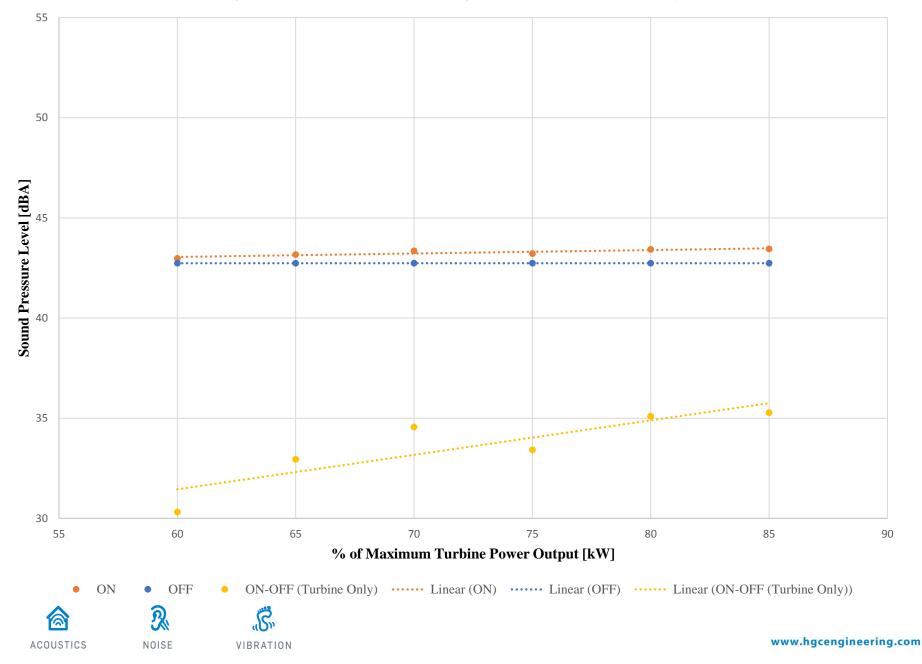


Figure D2 - Sound Pressure Level vs. Turbine S30 Power Output - 6 m/s Wind Speed Bin M537, Amherst Island Wind Farm, Phase 1 Immission Audit, 2018

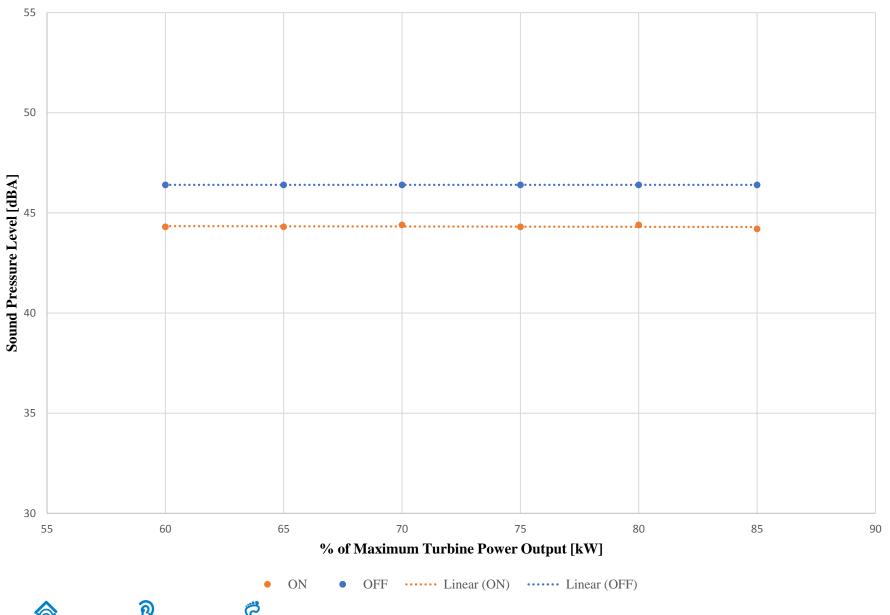
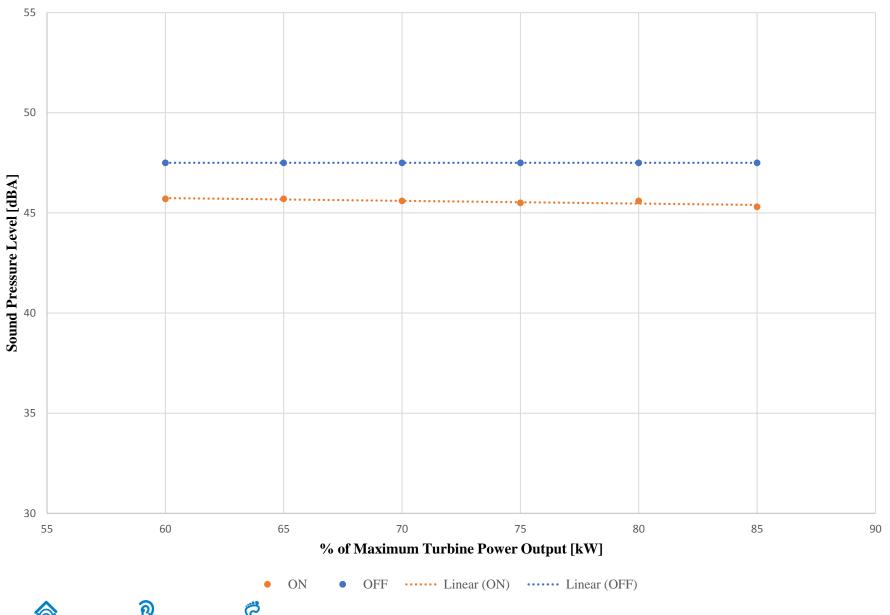








Figure D3 - Sound Pressure Level vs. Turbine S30 Power Output - 7 m/s Wind Speed Bin M537, Amherst Island Wind Farm, Phase 1 Immission Audit, 2018









## APPENDIX E: TONALITY ANALYSIS







Table E1 – Summary of Tonality Analysis, M008, Amherst Island Wind Project

10 m Height Wind Speed Bin	Tone Count (of the same origin)	Data Bins Analyzed	Tone Presence	Average Tonal Audibility [dB]	Tonal Penalty [dB]
4	4	111	4%	No Relevant Tones	0
5	1	107	1%	No Relevant Tones	0
6	1	73	4%	No Relevant Tones	0

Table E2 - Summary of Tonality Analysis, M316, Amherst Island Wind Project

10 m Height Wind Speed Bin	Tone Count (of the same origin)	Data Bins Analyzed	Tone Presence	Average Tonal Audibility [dB]	Tonal Penalty [dB]
5	1	61	2%	No Relevant Tones	0
6	1	97	1%	No Relevant Tones	0
7	0	115	0%	No Relevant Tones	0

Table E3 - Summary of Tonality Analysis, M493, Amherst Island Wind Project

10 m Height Wind Speed Bin	Tone Count (of the same origin)	Data Bins Analyzed	Tone Presence	Average Tonal Audibility [dB]	Tonal Penalty [dB]
5	2	64	3%	No Relevant Tones	0
6	1	131	1%	No Relevant Tones	0
7	0	152	0%	No Relevant Tones	0

Table E4 – Summary of Tonality Analysis, M537, Amherst Island Wind Project

10 m Height Wind Speed Bin	Tone Count (of the same origin)	Data Bins Analyzed	Tone Presence	Average Tonal Audibility [dB]	Tonal Penalty [dB]
5	6	64	9%	No Relevant Tones	0
6	16	99	16%	No Relevant Tones	0
7	8	115	7%	No Relevant Tones	0

Table E5 – Summary of Tonality Analysis, M670, Amherst Island Wind Project

10 m Height Wind Speed Bin	Tone Count (of the same origin)	Data Bins Analyzed	Tone Presence	Average Tonal Audibility [dB]	Tonal Penalty [dB]
5	0	60	0%	No Relevant Tones	0
6	1	103	1%	No Relevant Tones	0
7	0	72	0%	No Relevant Tones	0







# APPENDIX F: STATEMENT OF OPERATION









June 10, 2019

Re: Statement of Operation

Amherst Island Wind Project Amherst Island, Ontario

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that the wind turbine generators at the Amherst Island Wind Project were operating normally during the post-construction acoustic audit, conducted between October 9, 2018 and January 14, 2019, and between March 14 and March 20, 2019. Additionally, this letter confirms that the relevant turbines were parked for ambient (OFF) condition measurements.

Yours Truly,

lan MacRobbie

Vice President, Operations

**Liberty Power** 

## APPENDIX G: REPORT CHECKLIST







### Information Required in the Acoustic Audit Report – Immission Amherst Island Wind Farm, Phase 1 Immission Audit

Requirement	Complete?	Notes
Did the Sound level Meter meet the Type 1 Sound	Y N N/A	
level meter requirements according to the IEC standard 61672-1 Sound level Meters, Part 1:		
Specifications?		
Was the complete sound measurement system,		
including any recording, data logging or computing		
systems calibrated immediately before and after	Y N N/A	
the measurement session at one or more		
frequencies using an acoustic calibrator on the		
microphone (must not exceed ±0.5dB)?		
Are valid calibration certificate(s) of the noise	Y N N/A	
monitoring equipment and calibration traceable to	Y N N/A	
a qualified laboratory? Is the validity duration of		
the calibration stated for each item of equipment?		
Was the predictable worst case parameters such as	Y N N/A	
high wind shear and wind direction toward the	<b> X</b>	
Receptor considered? Section D3.2		
Is there a Wind Rose showing the wind directions at the site?	Y N N/A	
at the siter	<b>X</b>	
Did the results cover a wind speed range of at least		RAM-I audit used (Section
4-7 m/s as outlined in section D 3.8.?	Y N N/A	E5.2)
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Was the weather report during the measurement	Y N N/A	
campaign included in the report?		
Did the audit state there was compliance with the	Y N N/A	
limits at each wind speed category?	<b>X</b>	
Are pictures of the noise measurement setup near		
Point of reception provided?	Y N N/A	
Tome of reception provided.		
Was there justification of the Receptor location	Y N N/A	
choice(s) prior to commencement of the I-Audit?		
Was there sufficient valid data for different wind	Y N N/A	
speeds?		
Was the turbine (operational) specific information		
during the measurement campaign in tabular form	Y N N/A	
(i.e. wind speed at hub height, anemometer wind	Y N N/A	
speed at 10 m height, air temperature and		
pressure and relative humidity)?		

Requirement	Complete?	Notes
Were all the calculated standard deviations at all relevant integer wind speeds provided?	Y N N/A	
Compliance statement	Y N N/A	
All data included in an Excel spreadsheet	Y N N/A	Provided separately
If deviations from standard; was justification of the deviations provided	Y N N/A	