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1 Introduction

- 1.1** Monitoring of construction noise is being undertaken by FCBC during the construction of the new Forth Crossing and the associated road network. This report covers the month of March 2015. The objective of this report is to detail the monitoring that was undertaken across the site during this reporting period and to present the construction noise monitoring results.
- 1.2** Monitoring of construction noise has been undertaken in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP).

2 Noise Monitoring Locations

- 2.1 During March 2015, construction noise was monitored using permanent, continuous noise monitoring devices (01 db DUOs) at locations listed in **Table 1**. These monitors were installed during November and December 2011, with additional monitors installed at Scotstoun Park (Arup's Office) and Newton during March 2012, a further sound level meter was installed at Whinny Hill during March 2012.
- 2.2 Weather stations accompany the noise monitors at Echline Field, Tigh-Na-Grian, Clufflat Brae, Dundas Home Farm, Butlaw Fisheries, Linn Mill and Whinny Hill.
- 2.3 Various construction works were undertaken across the site during March 2015. **Table 1** outlines the main construction activities in the location of each monitor.

Table 1: Monitoring Locations

Ref.	Monitoring Location	Crossing or Network	Main Construction Activities During March 2015
M1	Whinny Hill	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock excavation • CMC works • FT01 Beam lifts and abutment construction • FT19 Construction • FT03 & FT04 works • New Ferrytoll Road
M3	Tigh-Na-Grian	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • North Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • Pier N1 rebar formwork & concrete works • AVN works
M4	North Leg	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • North Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • Pier N1 rebar formwork & concrete works
M6	Port Edgar	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • South Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • Pier S1 foundation work • Pier S2 airlifting • Pier S3 rebar, formwork & concreting.
M7	Butlaw Fisheries	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • South Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • Pier S1 foundation work • Pier S2 airlifting • Pier S3 rebar, formwork & concreting.
M10	Inchgarvie Lodge	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • South Tower rebar, formwork, concreting works deck table installation works • Pier S1 foundation works • Pier S2 airlifting • Pier S3 rebar, formwork & concreting • Launch – install plates to props, Painting works. • Earthworks South Abutment area
M11	Linn Mill	Network (close proximity to Crossing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch – install plates to props, painting works, cast concrete and curing • No night time or Sunday daytime construction in vicinity. • Earthworks South Abutment area

M13	Clufflat Brae	Crossing / Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch – install plates to props, painting works, cast concrete and curing • N.B. No night time or Sunday daytime construction in vicinity. • Earthworks South Abutment area
M14	Springfield	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch – install plates to props, painting works, cast concrete and curing N.B. No night time or Sunday daytime construction in vicinity. • Earthworks South Abutment area
M15	Echline Field	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch – install plates to props, painting works. • A904 tie in road works, including verge fill, kerbing and placing/trimming of type 1 sub-base for footpath. • Earthworks
M16	Scotstoun	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities works • Structure works • ESQ04 Construction • B800 North road works including bridge works (these works are directly in the location of the meter which now sits within the construction boundary).
M17	Dundas Home Farm	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility works • Fill south bund/landscape • Mainline Earthworks • BP Speciality works • ESQ04 Construction • B800 North road works including bridge works etc...
M18	Newton	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No works

3 Noise Monitoring Results

Overview

3.1 Noise monitoring results are presented in graphs (**Appendix A**) using the template provided in the *Construction Noise Monitoring Information Note* (www.transportscotland.gov.uk).

3.2 With regard to the noise monitoring graphs, the following should be noted:

- All locations are considered as either 'Main Crossing' or 'Network Connections', as set out in **Table 1**.
- Main Crossing works are undertaken during the day, evening and night time periods. Network connection works are undertaken during the daytime only.
- Linn Mill is considered as a network location which has the potential to receive noise from the marine works near the south shore. As a result, evening and night time data has been included for this location.
- Noise data for day, evening and night on which no construction works were conducted have been excluded from the monthly average results presented in the graph. L_{AFmax} exceedances during these periods would have been caused by non-construction related factors and do not require investigation. Noise results (L_{Aeq} and L_{AFmax}) for any day, evening and night on which no construction works have been conducted have been presented in the graphs in greyed out areas.
- An average for Sunday construction noise data has been included where applicable; in locations where no Sunday works were conducted no average is shown.
- As set out in the CoCP, the assessment time for evening, nights and Sunday daytime is in one hour periods. To present the construction noise results for these periods, therefore, the maximum L_{AFmax} (fast time response) and maximum L_{Aeq} within the overall evening/night time period has been taken. It should be noted, therefore, that the average shown for these periods is an average of only the highest L_{Aeq} results.
- It has been indicated on the graphs where noise data is missing for day, evening or night during which construction works were conducted. Results for the North leg are unavailable due to inaccessibility of the monitor location in March 2015.

Results

- 3.3** Results demonstrate that the monthly average total construction noise results for daytime are within the threshold levels for all monitoring locations during March 2015, with the exception of Scotstoun. For the night time periods, there were exceedances at locations; Butlaw Fisheries, Clufflat Brae, Inchgarvie, and Linn Mill. There are no exceedances of Sunday averages.
- 3.4** The rise in exceedances of the daytime averages at Scotstoun is due to increased background noise levels due to the location of the meter directly adjacent to the road works which are now within 20m of the monitor. The exceedances noted are not thought to have been caused by increased noise levels due to construction.
- 3.5** The exceedances noted are not thought to have been caused by increased noise levels due to construction. Each of the exceedances with the exception of the daytime averages at Scotstoun, were found to be affected by increased noise levels due to periods of adverse weather, traffic, residential noise and birds. Audio demonstrates that the increased levels were caused by waves and birds at Butlaw Fisheries and birds at Clufflat Brae, Inchgarvie, and Linn Mill, strong wind also contributed to increased levels at these locations. With regard to the averages reported for evening and night time periods, it should be noted that these averages are based only on the highest L_{Aeq} levels for 1 hour periods which can affect the averages.
- 3.6** During March 2015, some exceedances of the maximum noise thresholds occurred. Each exceedance of the threshold was investigated using triggered audio recordings, records of construction works (i.e. site programmes and diaries and daily marine reports) and analysis of weather station data, where required. A Noise and Vibration Investigative Report (NVIR) spread sheet has been produced detailing the results of the investigation for each exceedance. No exceedances this month are due to construction works.
- 3.7** The majority of exceedances at all locations were caused by factors including periods of localised noises at nearby properties such as traffic, residential noise and birds. At some locations, notably Scotstoun and Echline, existing traffic noise had an effect on maximum noise levels during the period covered in this report. Butlaw Fisheries also records a high number of waves against the shore during times of bad weather and high tides.
- 3.8** A summary of the findings for exceedances occurring at each of the locations can be found in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of Exceedances at Monitoring Locations

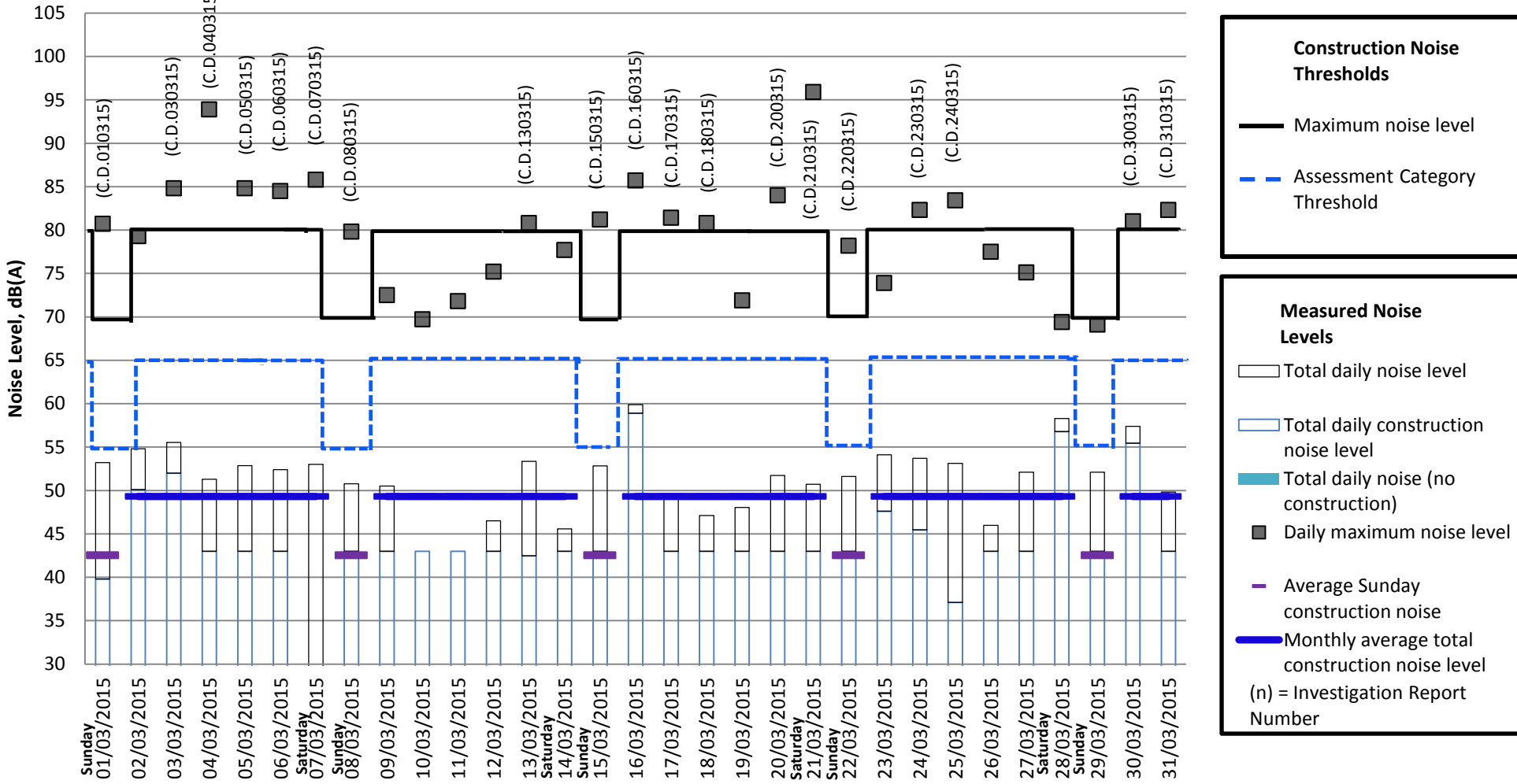
Monitoring Location	Summary of Exceedance Details
Butlaw Fisheries	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 20 occasions (Six day time, four evening and ten night time). No exceedances were related to construction works. Exceedances were attributed to non-construction factors notably weather, waves, planes and birds.
Clufflat Brae	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 58 occasions (19 daytime, ten evening and 29 night time). No exceedances were found to be due to construction works. Exceedances were found to be largely due to birds, dogs and residents.
Inchgarvie Lodge	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 68 occasions (24 day time, 20 evening and 24 night time). No exceedances were attributed to construction works. Investigations found residents at the property and bird song to be the main contributing factors to the exceedances in this location. Other factors included vehicles and monitor maintenance.
Linn Mill	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 49 occasions (12 daytime, seven evening and 30 night time). The majority of exceedances at this location were largely due to residents, wind and bird songs. All the night time exceedances were attributed to bird song.
Tigh-Na-Grian	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 49 occasions (21 daytime, no evening and 28 night time). Exceedances were due to non-construction factors, notably wind and birds. Residential noise was also picked-up during the daytime.
Dundas Home Farm	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on nine occasions. These exceedances were not caused by the works. The exceedances were due to monitor maintenance and birds.
Echline	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 26 occasions. No exceedances at this location were due to construction activities. All exceedances were attributed to vehicles passing by on the adjacent roads.
Springfield	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 22 occasions. The majority of exceedances were due to birds, local residents and their pets (dogs). The monitor is situated within a garden with a pet next door.
Scotstoun	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 26 occasions. The majority of these exceedances were due to construction, this is due to the location of the current meter being within 20m of on-going work on the B800. Some exceedances were attributed to vehicles passing by on the adjacent road (some of these may have been construction vehicles using the road).
Whinny Hill	During March the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on ten occasions. Exceedances were not due to construction activities. Exceedances were due to a range of factors such as residents, dogs and birds.
North Leg	No data is reported in this report due to access to monitor being restricted due to limited accessibility to this device. Wireless operation is unavailable and awaiting repair.
Port Edgar	Monitor removed from location during the reporting period to supplement other monitors during repair.



APPENDIX A

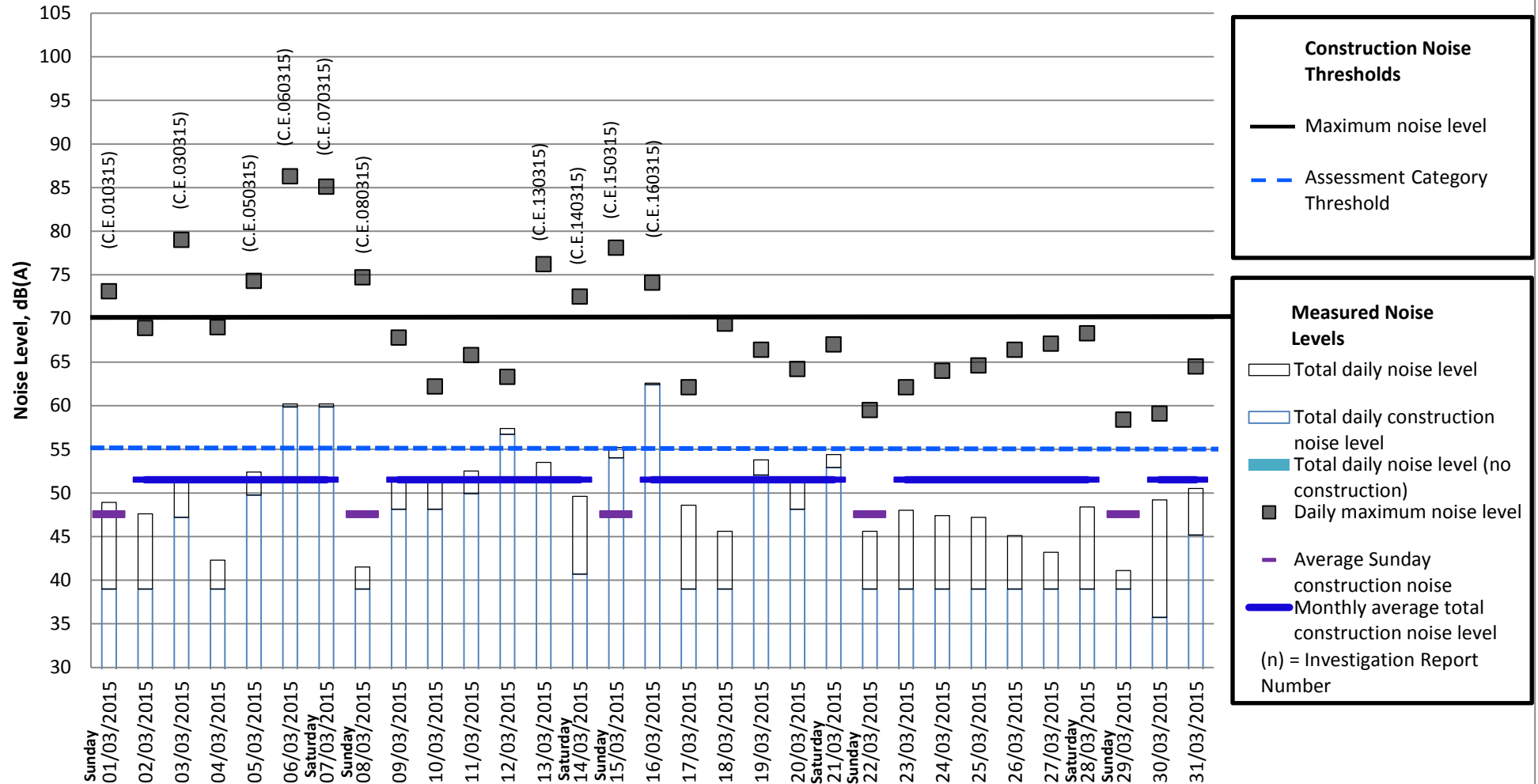
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Clufflat Brae

Measurement period: March 2015



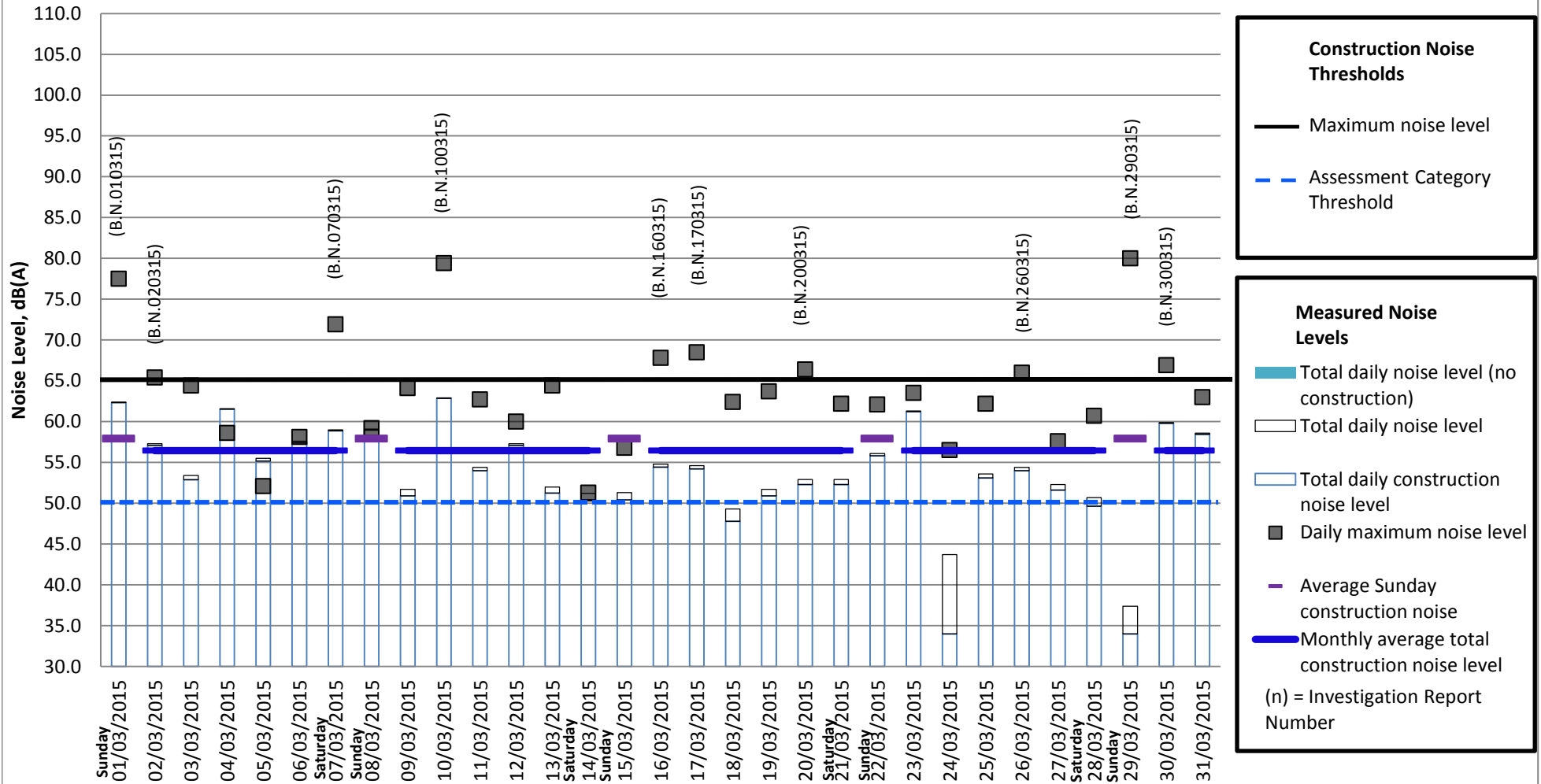
Measured Evening Noise Levels at Clufflat Brae

Measurement period: March 2015



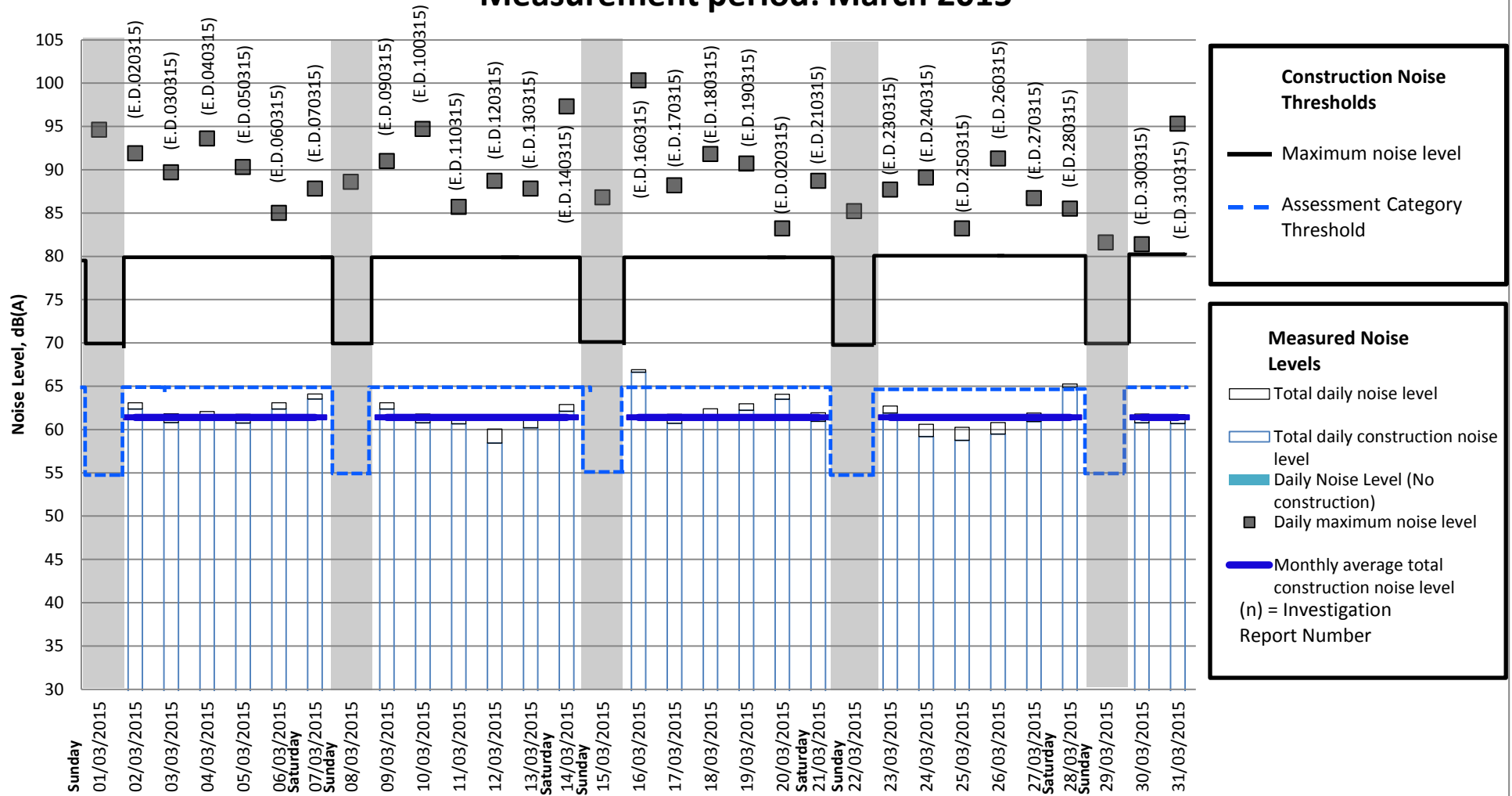
Measured Night time Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

Measurement period: March 2015



Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Echline

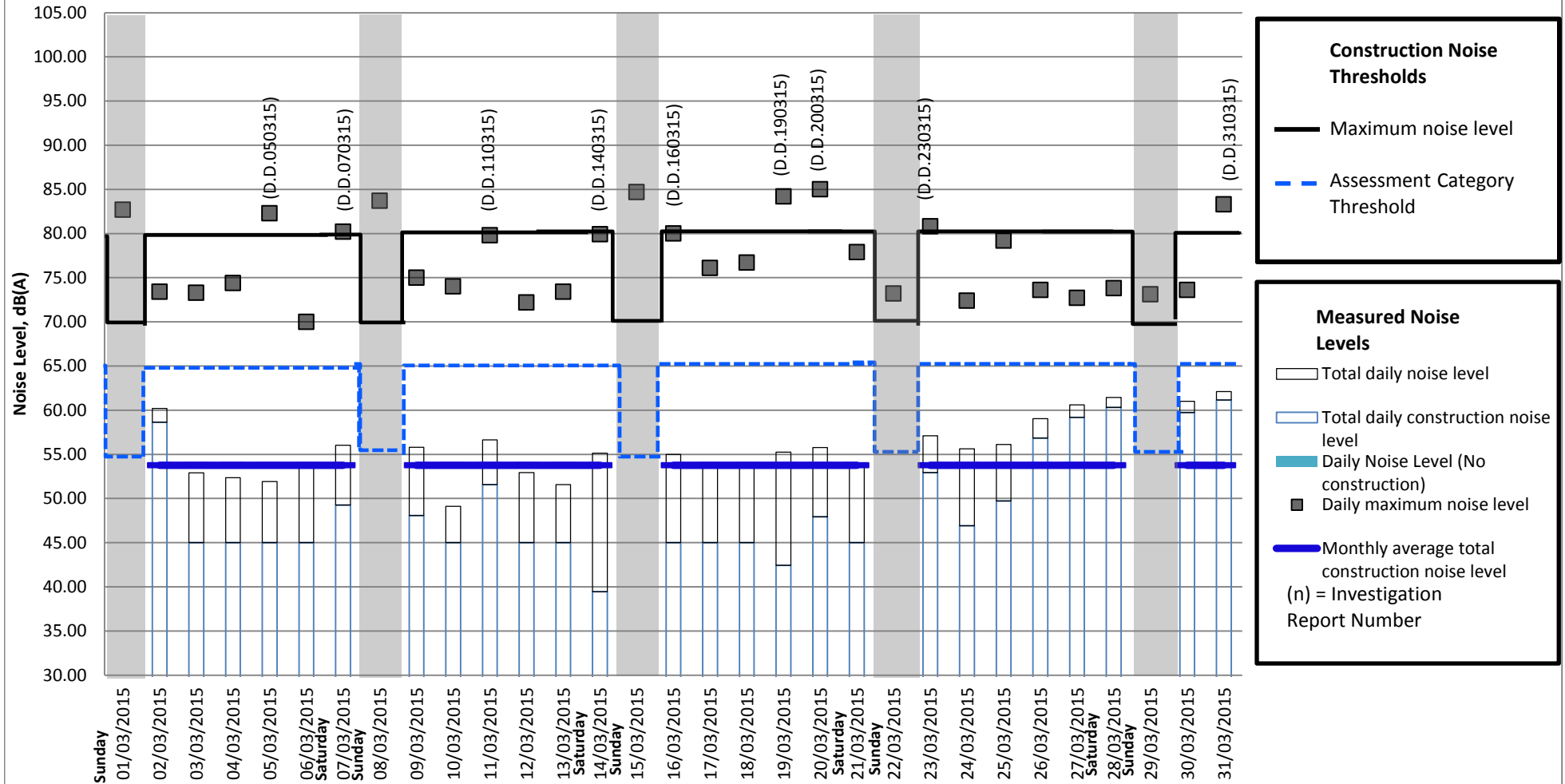
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Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Dundas Home Farm

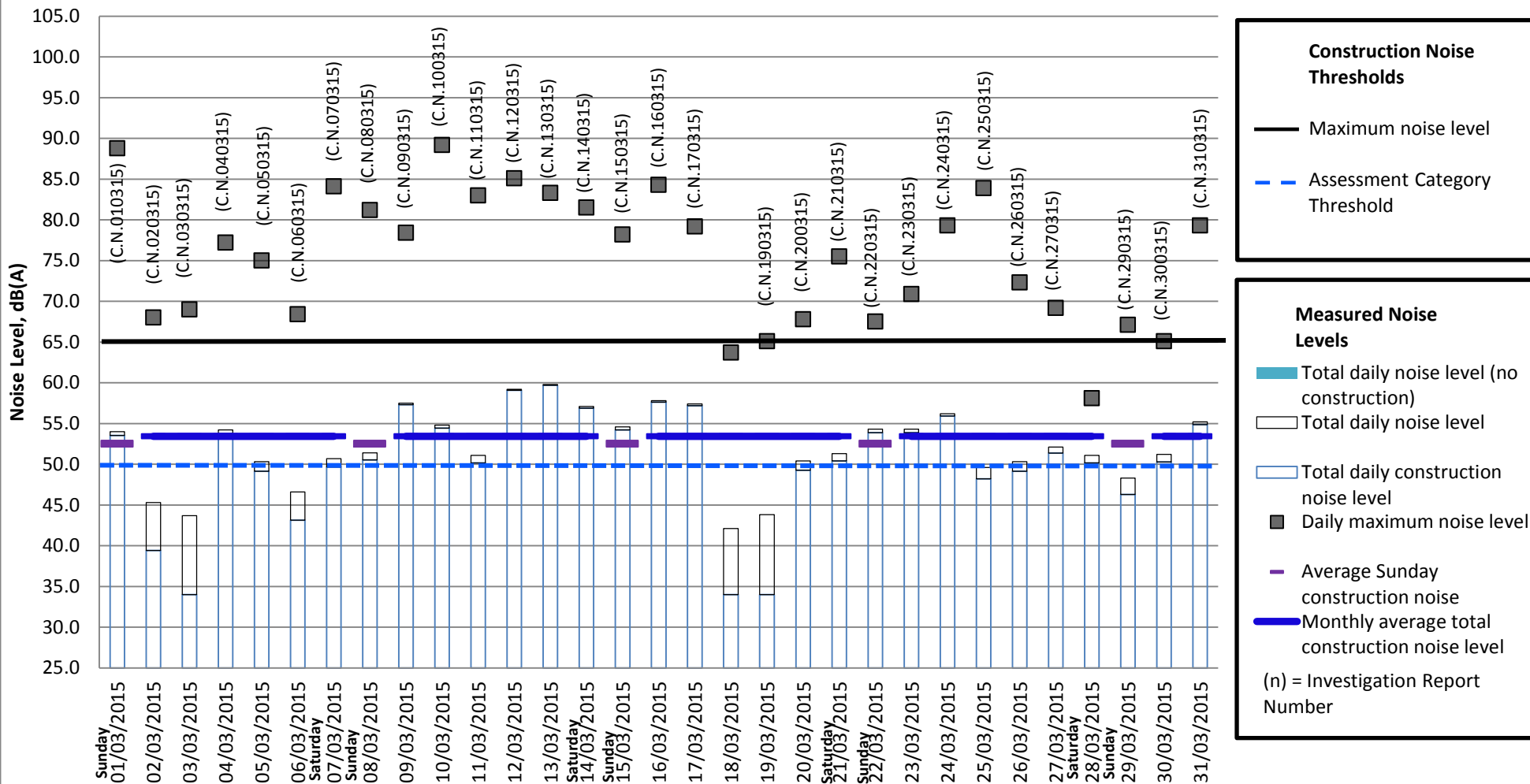
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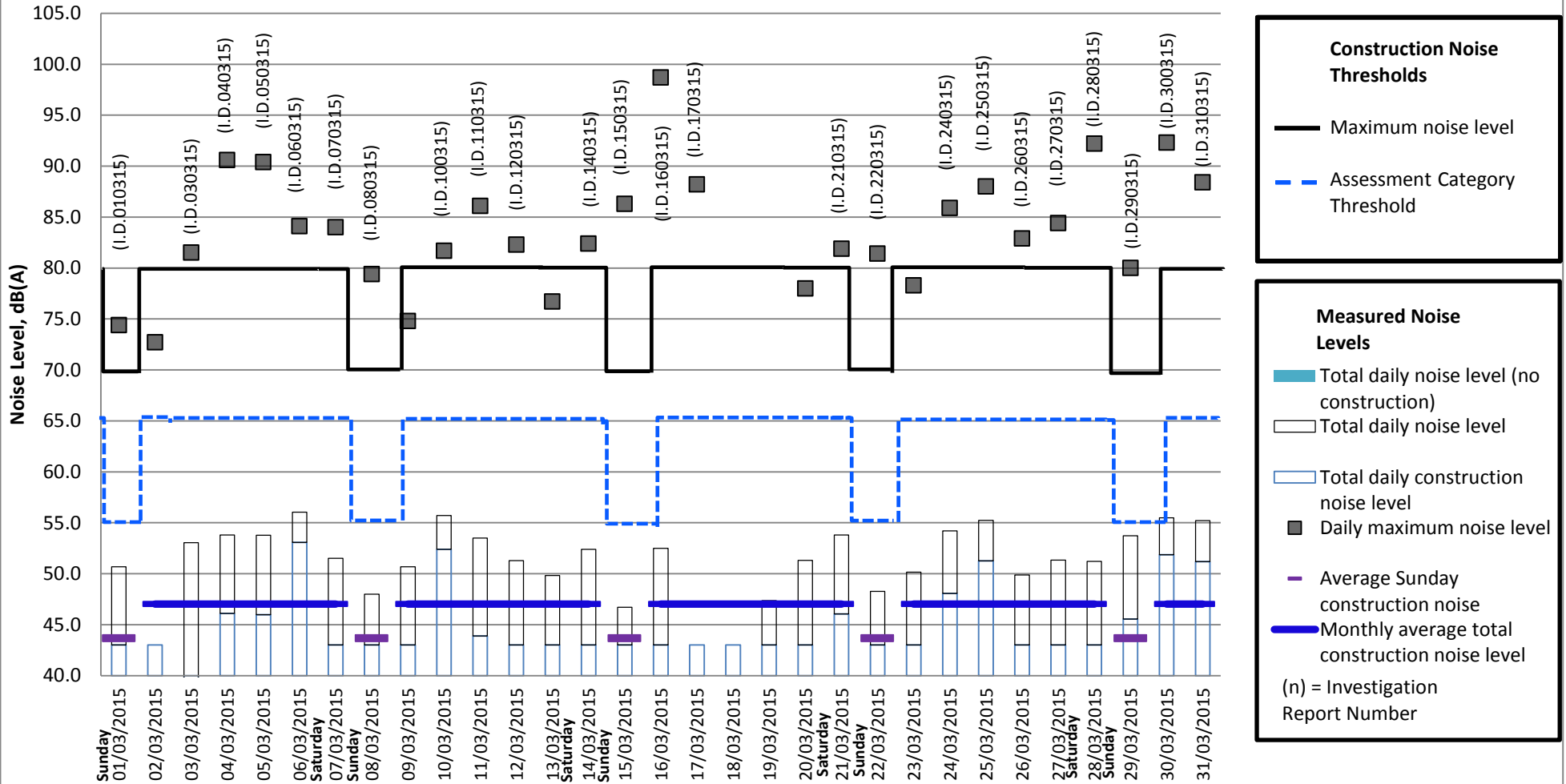
Measured Night-time Noise Levels at Clufflat Brae

Measurement period: March 2015



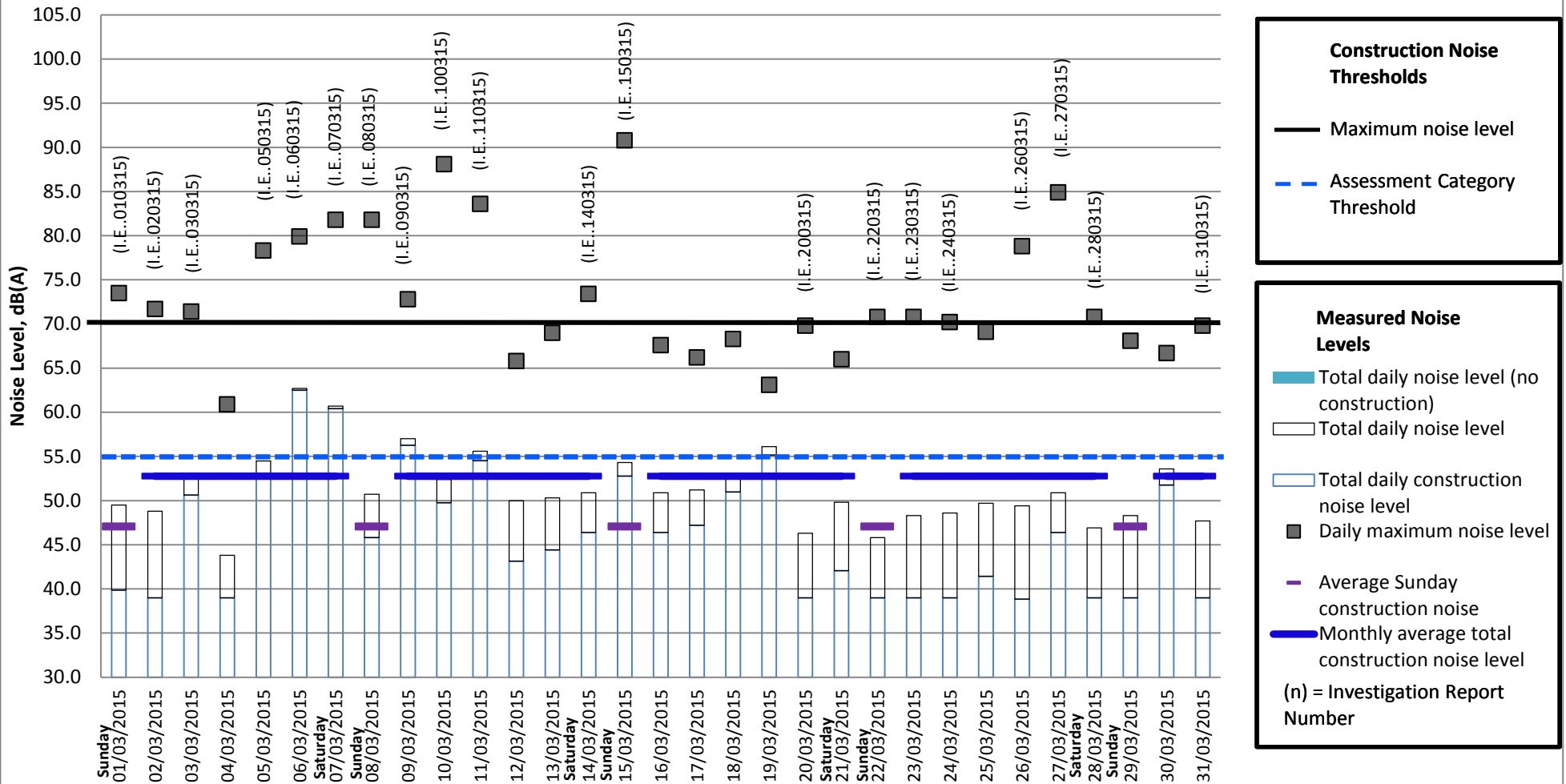
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

Measurement period: March 2015



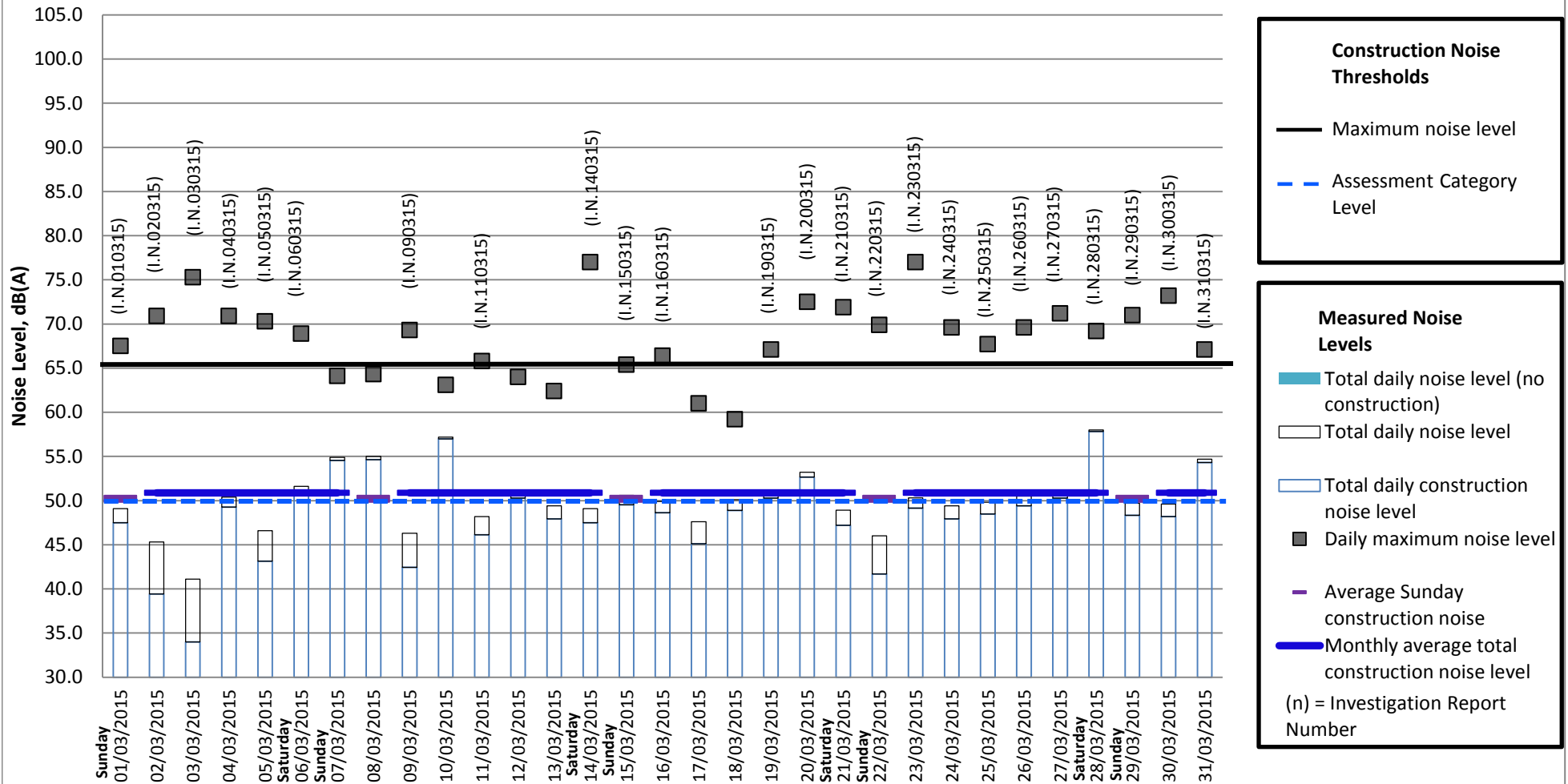
Measured Evening Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

Measurement period: March 2015



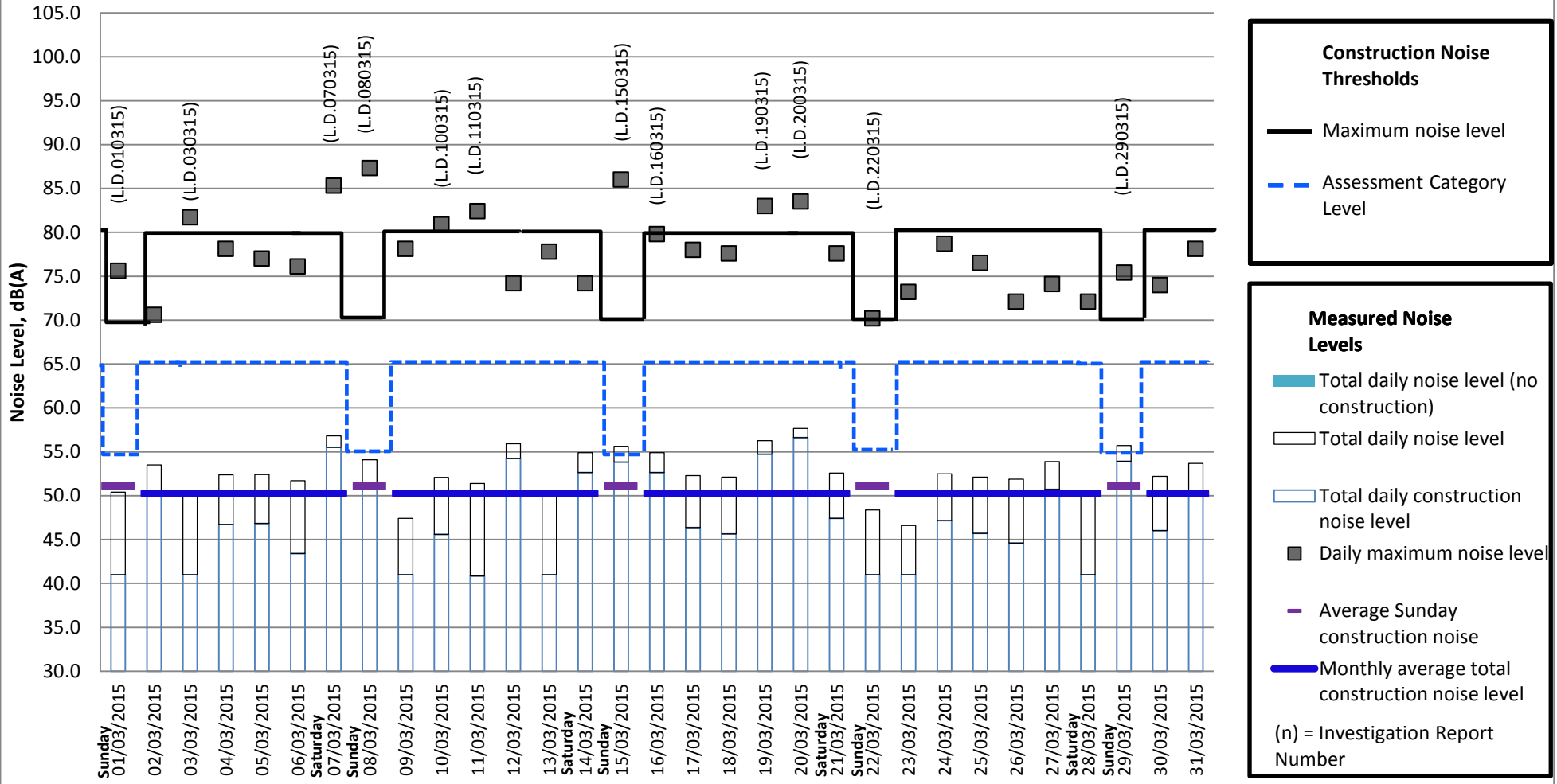
Measured Night-time Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

Measurement period: March 2015



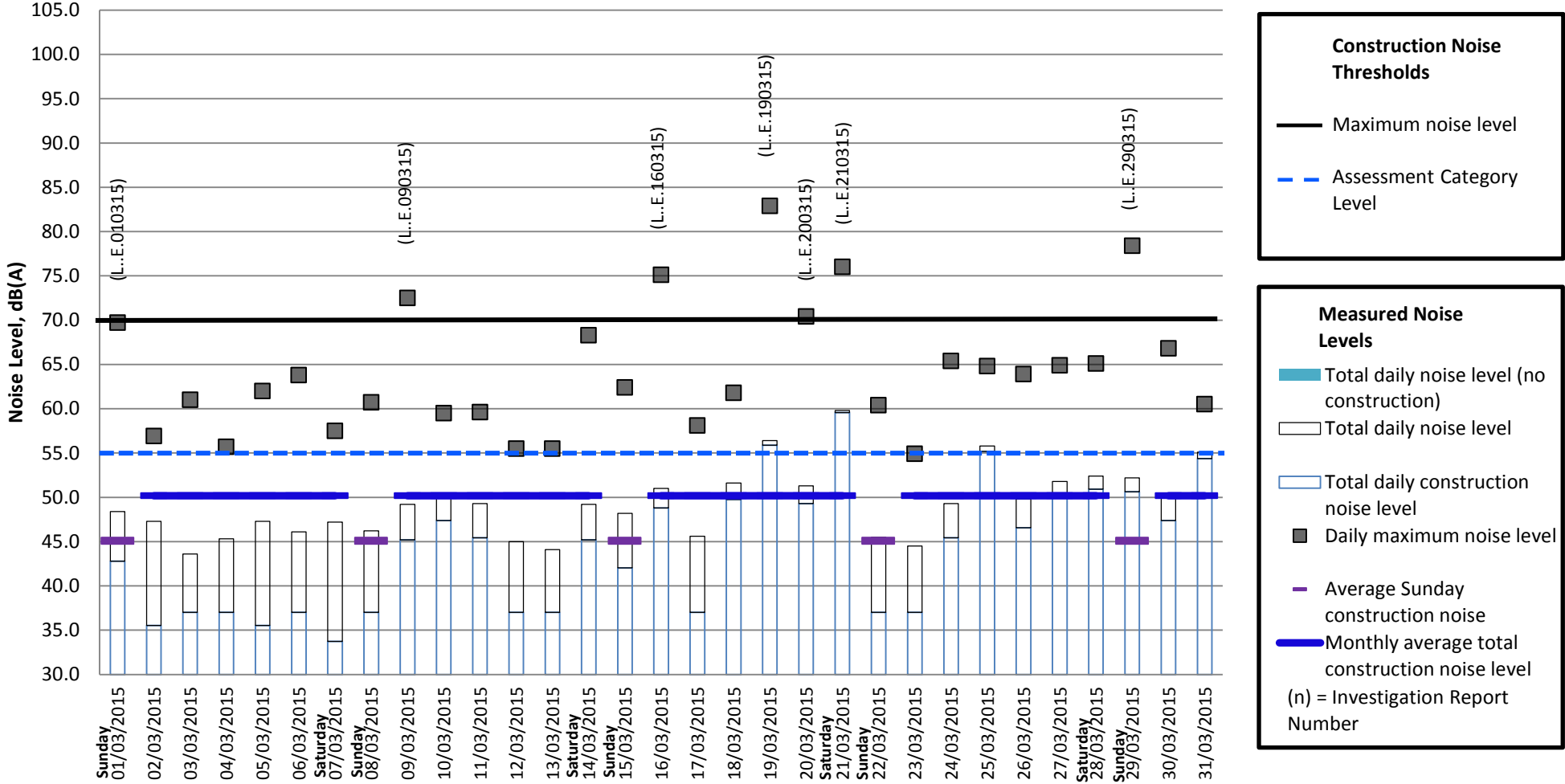
Measured Daytime Noise levels at Linn Mill

Measurement period: March 2015



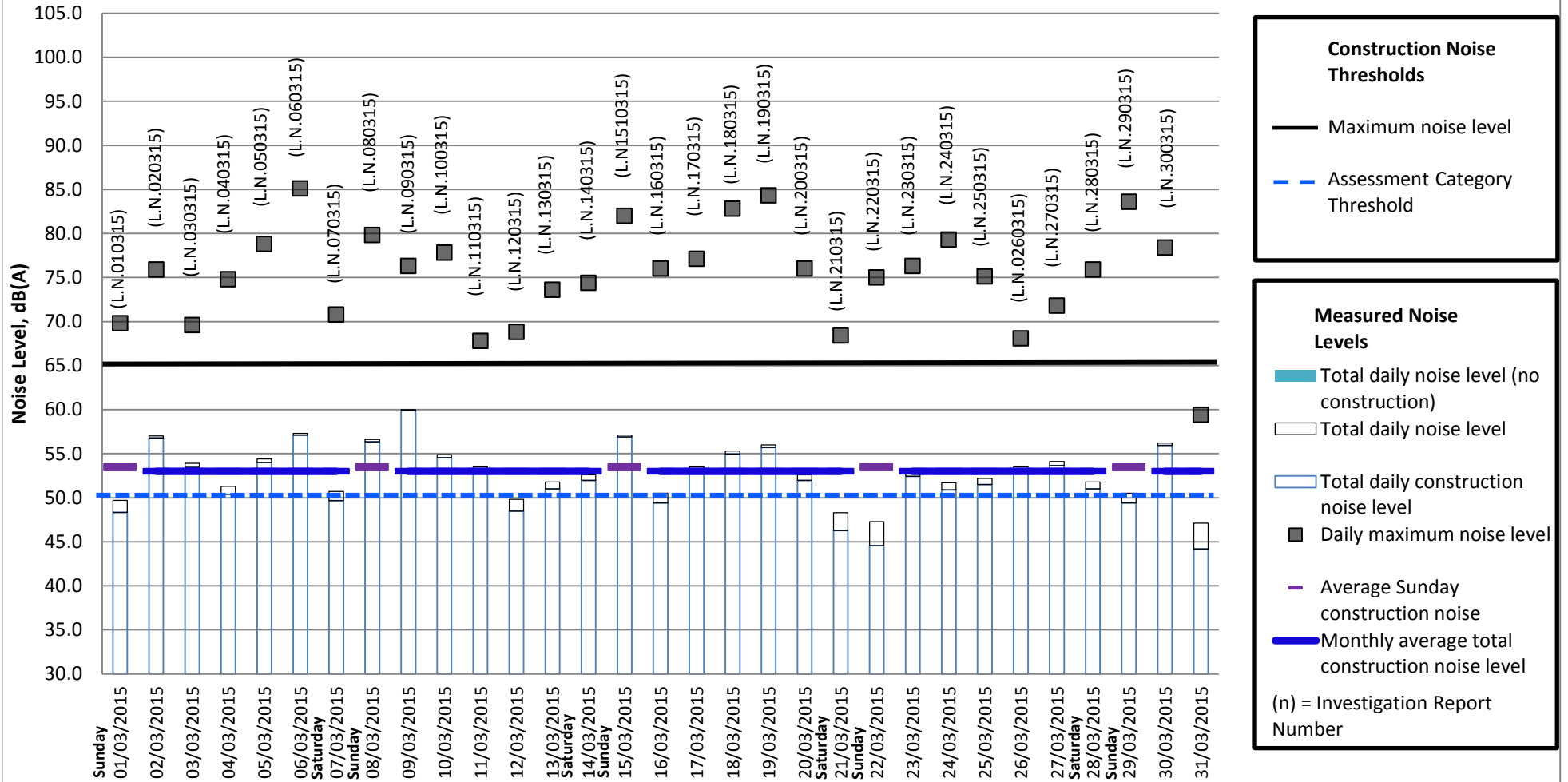
Measured Evening Noise Levels at Linn Mill

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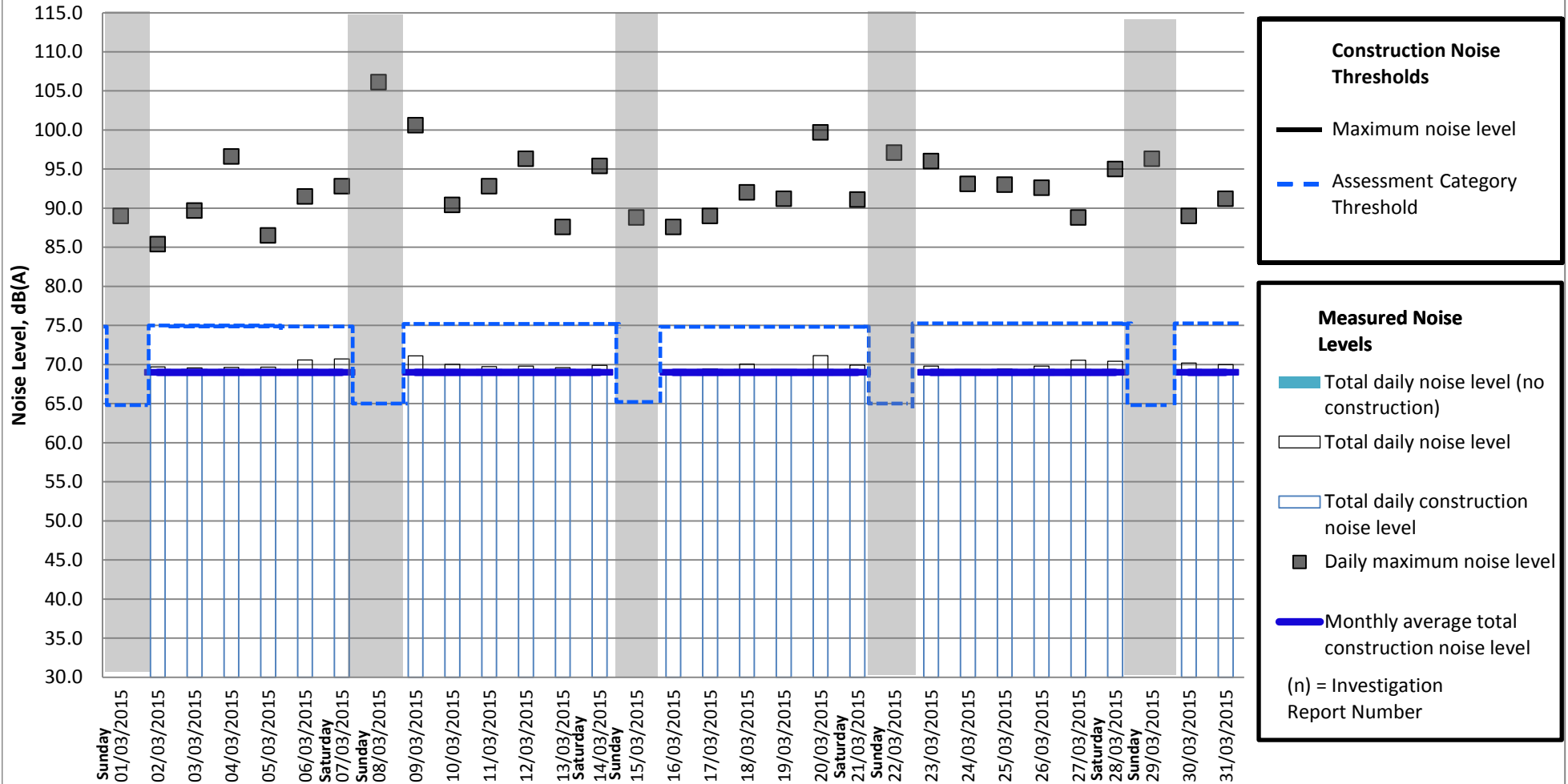


Measured Night-time Noise Levels at Linn Mill

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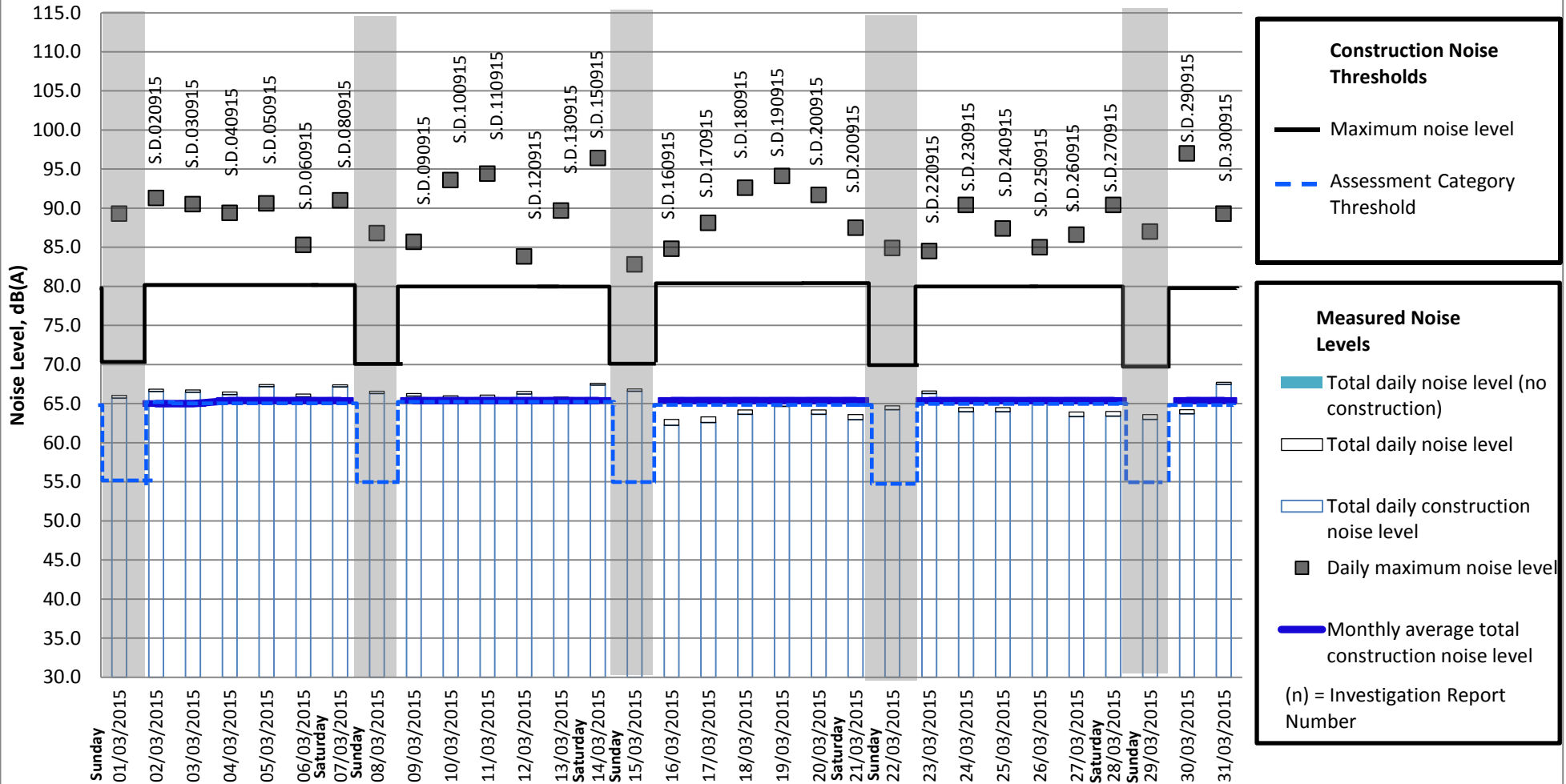
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Newton Measurement period: March 2015



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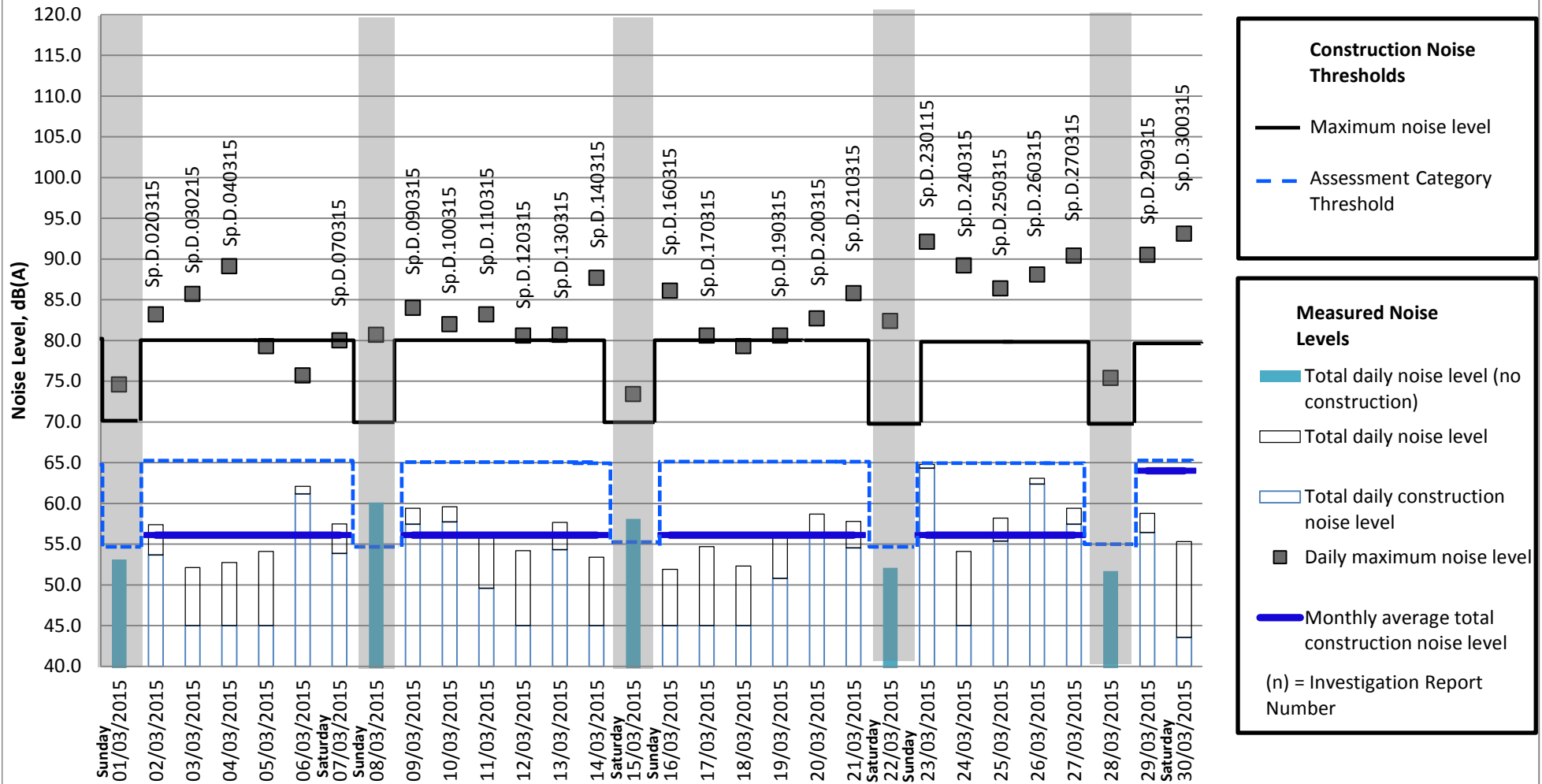
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Scotstoun

Measurement period: March 2015



Note: This monitor is currently stationed within the site boundary as works have begun along the B800 adjacent to the entrance of ARUP. The grey areas of the chart represent days on which no construction works have been conducted. The monthly average construction noise for Sunday has not been included as no Sunday works have been conducted at this location.

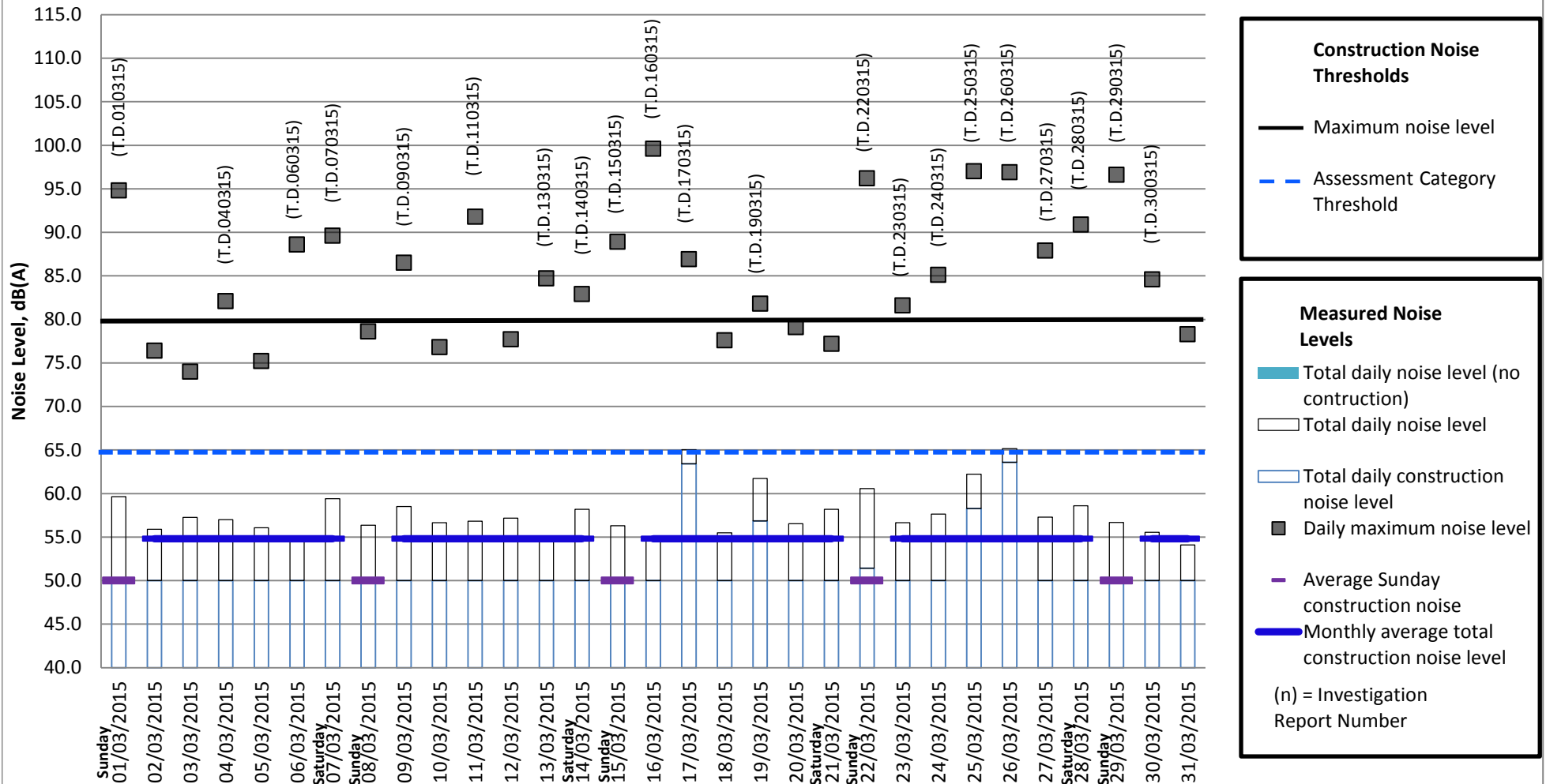
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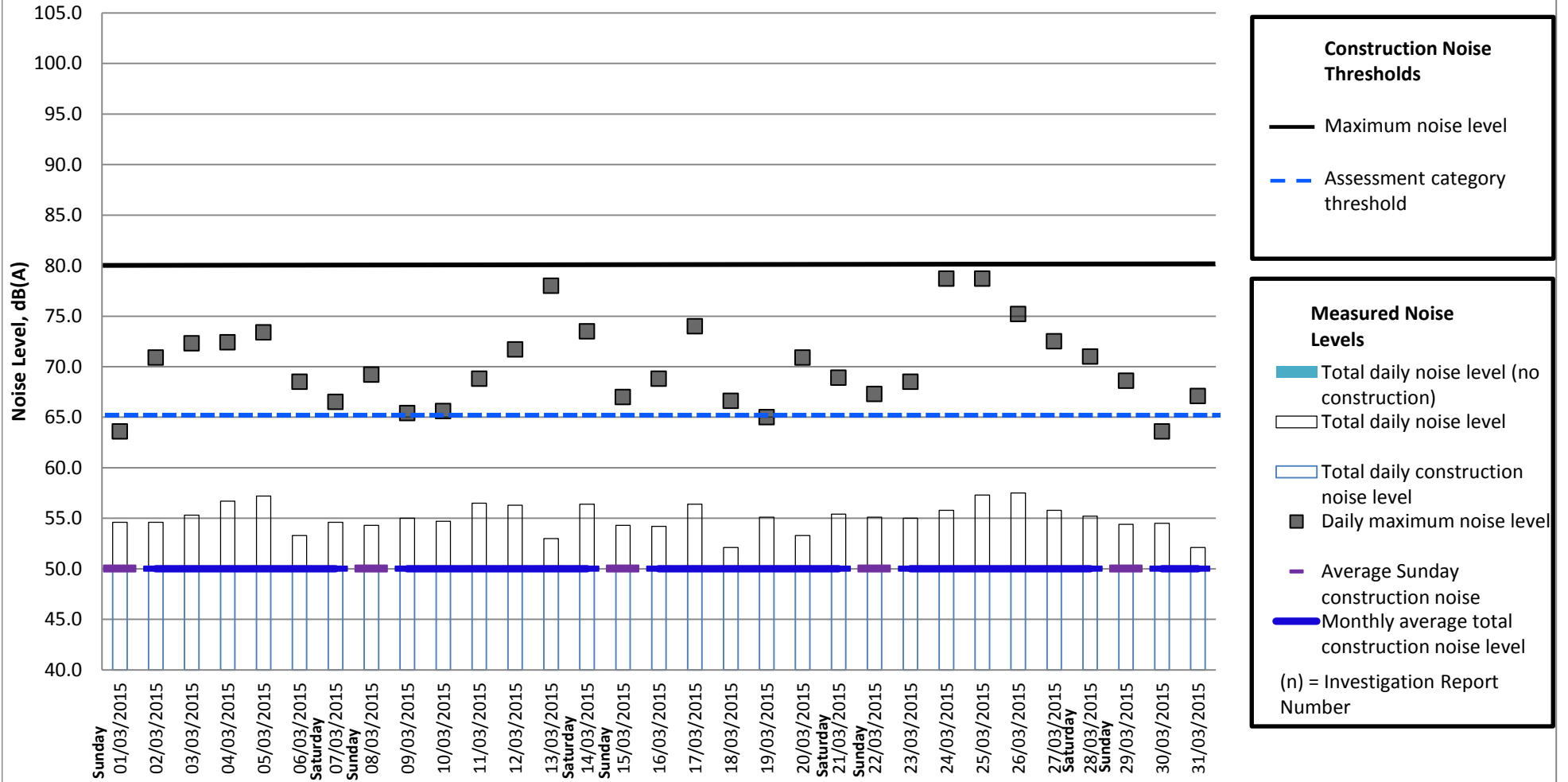
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Tigh-Na-Grian

Measurement period: March 2015



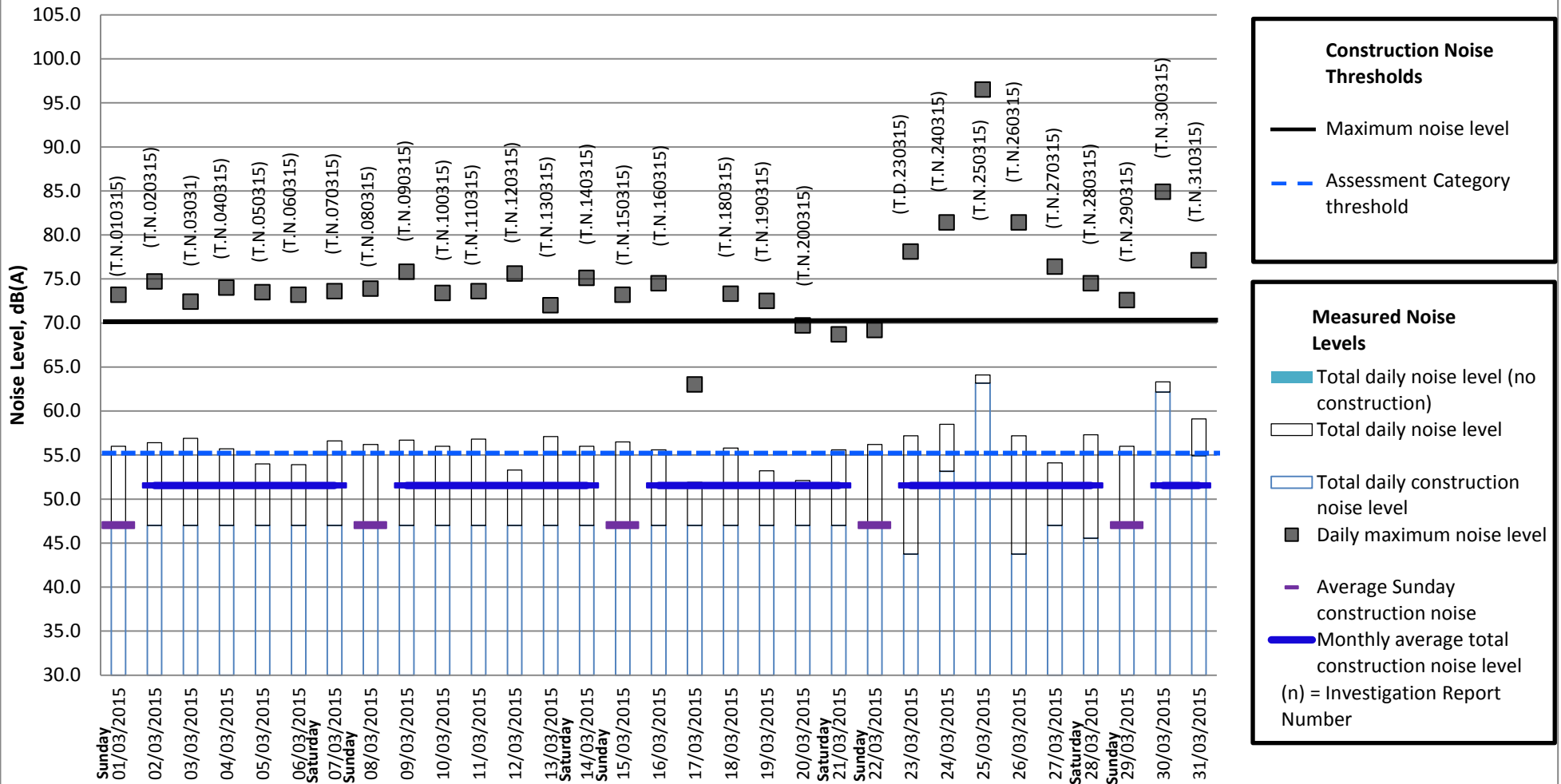
Measured Evening Noise Levels at Tigh-Na-Grian

Measurement period: March 2015



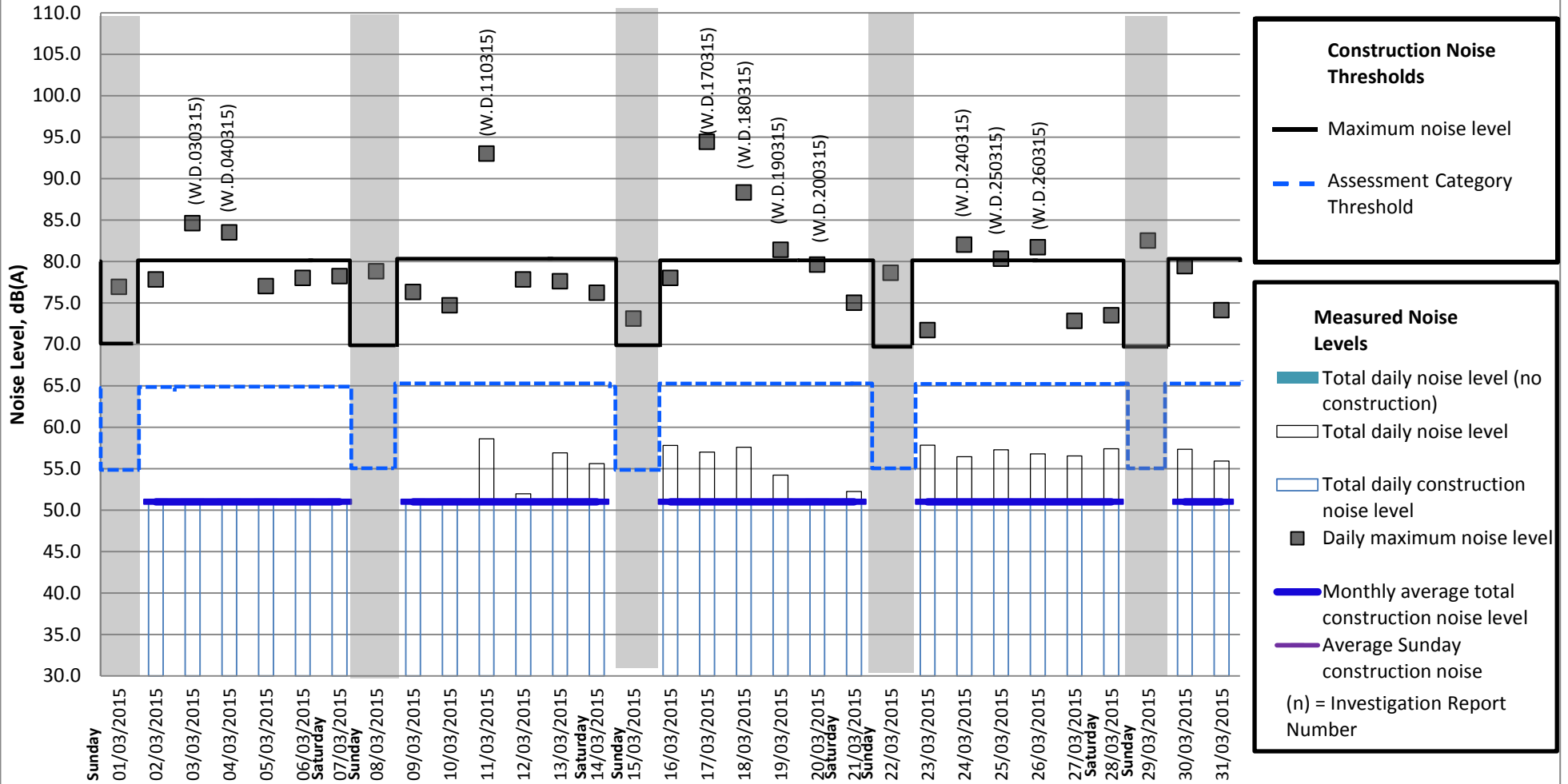
Measured Night-time Noise Levels at Tigh-Na-Grian

Measurement period: March 2015



Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Whinny Hill

Measurement period: March 2015



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