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### **Changes to the Noise Regulation in Ontario**

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) has implemented effective July 1, 2007, a more protective noise regulation for industrial workplaces.

According to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), exposure to high levels of noise has resulted in an estimated \$100 million in compensation costs paid between 1995 and 2004.

The new industrial regulations lower the allowable noise exposure limit from 90 dBA to 85 dBA. This limit will also be introduced as a time-weighted average exposure limit, to give a more accurate assessment of a worker's noise exposure.

Please refer to the official News Release from the MOL.

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/news/pdf/2007/07-01.pdf>

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