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Low level CONSTANT humming noise from dairy farm neighbor.

We moved into the country about 2 years ago. Our neighbor,, about half a mile away has been building a dairy. About 2 weeks ago, I noticed that a constant humming sound started. It is like a vibration, low level that I can hear day and night. Once you are outside you don't notice it but inside, it is heard in every room in the house. We switched off the main electricity to be sure it wasn't something in the house.

Someone mentioned it might be the refrigeration units used by some dairy farms. Has anyone any experience with noise levels from a dairy farm? There are no wind farms nearby so I know it is not a windmill. Also I know dairy milking machines can cause noise in morning and evening. But this is constant and never stops and is really driving me and my husband a bit mad. I mentioned it to our elderly neighbors but they were little help as they are both rather hard of hearing and hadn't noticed it. The sound is like being in an airplane.

An advice appreciated.

There is an agitator pump in the bulk storage tank in a milking parlor which runs constantly. It has a low level humming noise so your first thought may be the correct one.

It is not uncommon for low level ambient noise from a source away from the house to be heard in the house. This is a problem with houses next to factories and airports. The outdoor noise covers the sound, but one indoors, the sound, which is traveling through the ground, is plainly audible.

My husband can hear it outside. It's more noticeable inside.

Sound generated can travel a great distance till it meets a solid object i.e. a house and is converted into an audible sound. This is also true of vibrations transmitted through the ground with both these scenarios the sounds can travel at an inaudible level till they are converted by an object to an audible level. In the first instance trees can block the sound, in the latter damping of anything touching the ground. In your case ask the farmer to turn off the equipment to hear if the sound stops (someone in the parlor someone in the house) Hope this helps.