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Proposed Amendment
Part 205 - Noise Emission Standards:
Medium and Heavy Duty Truck

Chrysler Corporation submits the following comments in response to
the EPA's request for comments on the desirability of continuing the
83dB(A) maximum noise requirement for medium and heavy duty trucks
indefinitely (46 F.R. 17558).

Chrysler Corporation urges that the current regulated noise level
for medium and heavy duty trucks be continued at 83dB(A). To our
knowledge, there are no data which demonstrates that compliance with
an 80dB(A) level would perceptually reduce ambient noise levels in
most urban areas. On the other hand, requiring trucks to meet an
80dB(A) level would significantly increase new truck purchase and
operating costs.

Sincerely,

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