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DuPage County

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Mr. Timothy Barry, Manager
Standards & Regulations Division
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attention: ONAC Docket 81-02
Washington, D. C. 20460

Re: Medium & Heavy Duty
Trucks ANR - 490
ONAC Docket 81-02

Dear Mr. Barry:

This is in response to the request for additional comments on the noise emission standards for medium and heavy trucks as published in the Federal Register of March 19, 1981.

We are opposed to rescinding the 80 db regulation for medium and heavy trucks. In counties like Du Page, which were developed as suburban residential communities and are now experiencing a rapid growth in manufacturing uses, the transportation system does not clearly distinguish between residential areas and truck traffic. This results in truck movements along roads with residential neighborhoods. It is, therefore, imperative that we strive towards a goal of controlling the noise level of trucks to provide a relatively quiet and peaceful residential environment for our citizens.

I would urge the U. S. EPA to not rescind the noise standards; however, if there is sufficient justification to postpone the implementation of such a standard, then that may be considered as a separate issue.

Sincerely,


Jack T. Knuepfer
County Board Chairman

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