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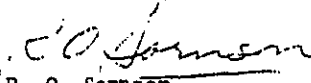
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Proposed Amendment
Part 205 - Noise Emission Standards:
Medium and Heavy Duty Truck

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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