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Assistant Administrator Office of Air and Radiation (AR-443) Docket OPMO-0184 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Elkins:

Subject: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 202 -Transportation Equipment Noise Controls, and Part 205 - Motor Carriers Engaged in Interstate Commerce.

General Motors has carefully reviewed the subject notice and is in agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed two year deferral of the 80 dB medium and heavy truck noise standard, and the reductions of the in-use motor carrier noise emission standards.

Deferral of the medium and heavy truck noise standard from I January 1986 to 1 January 1988 will allow truck manufacturers to consider noise implications while designing for the NOx and particulates standards which become effective for the 1988 model year. This will avoid a costly duplicate design effort which would have been required in 1986 and again in 1988. General Motors commends the EPA for this action and believes that the combination of the deferral of the 80 dB medium and heavy truck noise standard and the in-use standard reduction will not result in any adverse impact on the public health or welfare.

If you or your staff wish to discuss any aspect of this subject, please contact Mr. P.P. Pataky on (313) 575-1626 or Mr. E. R. Pezon on (313) 575-2008.

Very truly yours,

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