

Mr. Dick Lampheer  
Society of Automotive Engineers  
Marine Technical Committee

Dear Mr. Lampheer,

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has been discussing issues with noise standards and enforcement for a number of years now. Each state has encountered various types of obstacles in the attempt to enforce noise standards or roadblocks in attempting legislation to address motorboat noise enforcement.

At this time the majority of states have adopted some type of motorboat noise level enforcement statutes or muffler laws. Most of these states have included the standards set forth by SAE J2005 and SAE J1970 in their legislation. State boating enforcement agencies have encountered numerous difficulties in the effort to enforce these noise standards.

The membership of NASBLA is very interested in refining the existing standards to assist the states in enforcement and is requesting that SAE review the SAE J2005 and SAE J1970 tests to possibly modify them to a more practical real world application that can be performed by officers in the field. While working to refine the standards, care must be given not to alter existing standards to the point where states would be forced to seek the enactment of new legislation.

The membership of NASBLA is very appreciative of your past efforts and assistance in your area of expertise and would like to thank you in advance for any consideration you might give this request.

Should you require additional information or clarification on this matter, please contact Paul Niepling or Chris Moore of the NASBLA Law Enforcement Committee at (859) 225-9487.

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