

## City of Portland, Oregon Bureau of Development Services

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## FINDINGS AND DECISION OF THE NOISE REVIEW BOARD

**APPLICANT:** David Sweeney for SOVREN

**REQUEST:** A Three Year Variance for the SOVREN Columbia River

Classic, which requests permission to operate in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Operating at 112 (dBA FAST) decibel variances

**DECIDED:** Wednesday, March 9, 2011

**DECISION:** APPROVED, FOR THREE YEARS, with CONDITIONS AS

NOTED, at 112 dBA Lmax

**VARIANCE:** NV 11-114845

The Noise Review Board reviewed a request from David Sweeney of The Society of Vintage Race Enthusiasts (SOVREN) for a race series known as the SOVREN Columbia River Classic. The race has a 9 year history in Portland.

Mr. Sweeney informed the Board about the races. This is a vintage car race that is similar to the Portland Historic Races. For 30 years, the All British Field Meet (a non-racing event) has been held at PIR. Nine years ago, SOVREN formed a partnership with the All British Field Meet and since then both events have been held at the same time. This has been a good partnership and has allowed both organizations to continue to operate at PIR.

Mr. Sweeney stated that he is not aware of any complaints regarding noise from the Columbia River Classic event. Most of the cars do not need a variance. Last year, only two cars reached the 112 dBA limit.

Mr. Sweeney requested a 112 dBA (decibels A weighted with a fast meter response) as measured 50 feet from the race track. The 112 dBA sound level is one of two variances that the Board can administer for racing at the Portland International Raceway.

He requested a 3 year variance due to the cost of submitting a variance each year to the Noise Board, to help save on staff time, and to help save on the Board's time. He also stated that having a 3 year variance would help them plan the event for the future and allow them to bring in world class events.