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FINDINGS AND DECISION
OF THE NOISE REVIEW BOARD

APPLICANT: David Sweeney for Historic Motor Sports Association

REQUEST: A Three Year, Multi-year Variance for the Portland Historic Races, which request permission to operate in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Operating as one of the two 112 (dBA FAST) decibel variances

DECIDED: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

DECISION: APPROVED, FOR ONE YEAR, for July 8 to 10, 2011, with CONDITIONS AS NOTED, at 112 dBA Lmax

VARIANCE: NV 11-118062

The Noise Review Board reviewed a request from David Sweeney of Historic Motor Sports Association (HMSA) for a race series known as the Portland Historic Races. The race has a 35 year history in Portland.

Mr. Sweeney informed the Board about the races. This is a vintage car race, the newest cars are early 1970s. The races are not long races and the cars are based on their age, ability and speed. There are five to six laps in a race, plus a warm-up lap and a cool down lap. The races are only five to fifteen minutes at a time. The public comes to see the cars, talk to the drivers and watch the races. Most of the cars don't approach a 103 dBA reading.

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 at 112 dBA that the Board can potentially administer for racing at the Portland International Raceway.

He requested a three 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 three year variance would help plan the event in the future.

