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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

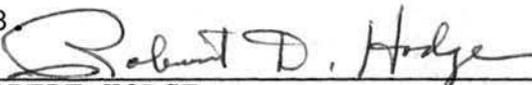
In the Matter of the Proposed
Amendment to Rules for
Snowmobiles

STATEMENT OF NEED AND
REASONABLENESS

When the rules regarding snowmobile noise emission levels were last amended (See State Register October 29, 1979, 4 S.R. 685) it was proposed that noise testing could be performed by either the Snowmobile Safety Certification Committee, or a competent independent testing laboratory. The latter alternative was mistakenly omitted from the rules as adopted, in reaction to a hearing examiner comment that a label of certification was needed as well as a letter.

John Deere and Polaris do not now belong to the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee. They each have other competent independent companies testing their snowmobiles' noise levels, and are labelling their snowmobiles accordingly. It is necessary and reasonable that the rules allow for this procedure.

Dated: November 29, 1983.



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