

level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.

(3) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT ANY NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE, RULE, OR REGULATION, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS, SOUND LEVEL LIMITS, AND NOISE CONTROL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE, THAT PROHIBITS TRAPSHOOTING, SKEETSHOOTING OR OTHER TARGET SHOOTING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT BY A SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB THAT IS CHARTERED AND IN OPERATION AS OF JULY 1, 1982. HOWEVER, THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY IF THE SPORTS SHOOTING CLUB MOVES TO A PARCEL OF LAND THAT IS NOT CONTIGUOUS TO THE LOCATION OF THE CLUB ON JULY 1, 1982.

(b) Each political subdivision shall:

(1) Send to the Department a copy of each noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation that it adopts; and

(2) Identify on each zoning map, comprehensive plan, or other appropriate document the sound level limits that are adopted under Subtitle 4 of this title.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall adopt environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations as necessary to protect the public health, the general welfare, and property.

(b) In adopting environmental noise standards, the Department shall consider:

(1) Information published by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the levels of environmental noise that must be attained and maintained in defined areas under various conditions to protect public health and welfare with an adequate margin of safety; and

(2) Scientific information about the volume, frequency, duration, and other characteristics of noise that may harm public health, safety, or general welfare, including:

(i) Temporary or permanent hearing loss;

(ii) Interference with sleep, speech communication, work, or other human activities;

(iii) Adverse physiological responses;