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March 29, 2011

Dan Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report FL-603, CAT C15 Combustion Tube**

Mr. Smith

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 88 Western Star 4900 vehicles manufactured February 9, 2007 through February 20, 2009, and equipped with a Caterpillar C15 Engine with a defect in a combustion tube weld.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Nasser Zamani

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## Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

March 29, 2011

**(c)(1) Manufacturer:** Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
P.O. BOX 3849  
Portland, Oregon 97208  
(503) 745-5219

**Brands:** Western Star

**(c)(2) Vehicles identification:**

**Model(s) affected:** 4900

**Model Years affected:** 2008, 2009, 2010

**Manufacture Dates:** February 9, 2007 through February 20, 2009

**Basis for determining population:** Caterpillar Inc. identified the affected engine serial numbers

**Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:**

Caterpillar Inc.  
100 NE Adams Street  
Peoria, Illinois 61629-9240

**(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Estimated at 88

**(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** Caterpillar estimates 0.2% of the engine population at 500,000 miles

**(c)(5) Description of the defect:** Per Caterpillar "Degradation of a combustion tube weld can result in radial heat impingement on the body which may burn through certain bodies used on C15 engines and result in a potential fire hazard." Reference Caterpillar recall 11E-006.

**49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety:** Potential fire hazard

**(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:** On February 28, 2011 Caterpillar notified DTNA that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain C15 engines supplied to DTNA. On March 3, 2011 Caterpillar provided DTNA with a list of suspect engine serial numbers.

**(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data:** N/A

**(c)(8) (i) Remedial program:** Caterpillar will notify owners and repair the vehicles free of charge. Owners will be notified of the recall by the end of April 2011. Another notification will be issued once the remedy is released. Caterpillar expects the remedy to be available late July 2011. Owners may contact Caterpillar toll free at 1-800-447-4986.

**(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date:** Caterpillar will notify owners affected by the recall by the end of April 2011. Another notification will be issued once the remedy is released.

**(c)(9) Information for tire recalls:** Not Applicable

**(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners:** Caterpillar will administer this recall campaign.

**(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-603