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Re: **CAT C15 Combustion Tube**
Kenworth Recall No.: 11KWB
Peterbilt Recall No.: 0311-A

Dear Ms. Timian:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notice to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This motor vehicle safety defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth and Peterbilt divisions of PACCAR Inc.

Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)
Kenworth Truck Company
10630 NE 38th Pl.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Peterbilt Motors Company
1700 Woodbrook Street
Denton, TX 76205

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)

The affected Kenworth models are certain 2007 – 2011 model year T2000, C500, T600, T660, T800 and W900 vehicles.

The affected Peterbilt models are certain 2009 and 2011 model year 387 and 388 vehicles.

Population of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(3)

Kenworth vehicles manufactured between May 11, 2006 and September 9, 2010.

Peterbilt vehicles manufactured between May 22, 2008 and September 17, 2010.

Number of Vehicles Known to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)

Kenworth manufactured 7,862 vehicles (5,828 U.S. and 2,034 Canada) which may have the safety defect described below.

Peterbilt vehicles manufactured 3 vehicles (3 U.S. and 0 Canada) which may have the safety defect described below.

Description of the Defect - 574.6(c)(5)

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.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall - 574(c)(6)

On February 28, 2011 PACCAR received notice of this defect from Caterpillar Inc. PACCAR's Kenworth and Peterbilt divisions were both provided a list of engine serial numbers. Kenworth and Peterbilt opened investigations to validate the findings of Caterpillar and determine which chassis were affected by this recall. Kenworth completed its investigation on March, 19 2011 and Peterbilt completed its investigation on March 23, 2011. Both divisions have recommended a recall.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

Caterpillar will replace the single piece combustion tube with a thick wall combustion tube which won't allow the heat to break through. This part will be available in July 2011.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners - 573(c)(10)

The customer notification will be sent by Caterpillar. According to representatives of Caterpillar, an interim letter will go out to dealers and customers prior to the final notification in late July 2011. We understand that Caterpillar is working directly with the NHTSA Recall Management Division regarding this timing. Quarterly reports will be submitted by Caterpillar.

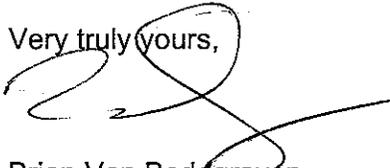
Copy of Proposed Owner Notification Letter - 573.6(c)(11)

The customer letter will be sent by Caterpillar.

Identification of Recall Schedule - 573.6(c)(12)

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "11KWB."
The Peterbilt number for this campaign is "0311-A"

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Brian Van Bodegraven
Claims Manager
PACCAR Inc