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Madisonville, TX

Dear

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has received your letter dated August 2, 2006, requesting that the agency open a formal investigation into two separate concerns that you identify as being potential safety defects on model year 2005 Mack CV-713 vehicles. The two concerns that you describe involve a possible oil leak and the failure to have a safety check valve that would prevent a diesel fuel leak following an incident where the vehicle rolls over. You believe that the oil and fuel leaks may cause the vehicle to catch fire.

NHTSA would like to thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. The crashes you describe will be documented in our consumer complaint database. At this time, however, our agency has determined that an investigation into a potential safety defect involving oil and fuel leaks from Mack CV-713 vehicles following a crash is not warranted. NHTSA has reviewed our Early Warning Report database, including manufacturer's warranty, property damage, field reports, and consumer complaint data, as well as our consumer complaint database, and has not identified any other reports of Mack CV-713 vehicles catching fire as the result of or during a rollover. Given the circumstances, and given the lack of reported engine fires in these vehicles, there is insufficient evidence to warrant a defect investigation. We would appreciate receiving any additional information you have concerning these events, including police accident reports.

NHTSA will continue to monitor the CV-713 vehicles for any additional instances of fire and open an investigation if required.

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I hope this information is helpful. If further assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief, Correspondence Research Division, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 366-5211.

Sincerely,

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