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Palos Verdes Estates, CA [redacted]

NVS-216 nlm
Ref. No. 10491042

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2005 Toyota Tacoma. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect trend may exist. We do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

You indicate that your wife told you the headlights in your MY 2005 Toyota Tacoma have poor illumination. You noticed that the plastic headlight covers are turning yellow and have permanent markings inside. Your attempt to clean the lenses with plastic cleaner was unsuccessful. You think this is a safety issue. In addition, you believe headlight covers should be made of glass, not plastic.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with "yellowing" headlight covers and reduced visibility in MY 2005 Toyota Tacoma vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to indicate a defect trend that warrants opening a safety

defect investigation. However, the information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. For your information, the NHTSA investigation and recall process can be found on our web site at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems.

Sincerely,

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