From:	Mike Walton
To:	Ansley, Alexander (NHTSA)
Cc:	Shawn Miller; Rod Curbo
Subject:	RE: Gunite Slack Adj Recall
Date:	Monday, September 12, 2011 4:15:05 PM

Alex,

Thank you for your patience while we looked into this. We believe the discrepancy stems from the fact the total number of slack adjusters reported by Gunite as being shipped PACCAR/Kenworth includes parts for installation on vehicles to be manufactured and sold outside the United States. More specifically, 2,544 slack adjusters were shipped to KenMex, 40 shipped to Australia, and 253 to Canada.

The remaining slack adjusters were distributed to the Kenworth plants in Chillicothe, Renton, and St. Therese for installation on chassis intended for sale in the United States. These chassis were the subject of the recall. Multiple slack adjusters were installed on each chassis; therefore, the vehicle count in the recall is less than the number of slack adjusters shipped to these plants.

Peterbilt chassis were not affected by this recall.

Please let me know if you have any questions or additional concerns, or if you need something more formal.

Thanks.

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From: Mike Walton
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 2:37 PM
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Subject: RE: Gunite Slack Adj Recall

Alex,

I agree that the discrepancy seems out of the ordinary. We will investigate this and provide you with a written response.

As a side note, Brian has moved to the Operations side of our business. Please direct these inquiries to me in the future.

Thanks.

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From: Brian Van Bodegraven
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Mike,

Please see the message below from NHTSA.

Thank you,

Brian.

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From: alexander.ansley@dot.gov [mailto:alexander.ansley@dot.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 2:22 PM
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Subject: Gunite Slack Adj Recall

Mr. Van Bodegraven,

Good afternoon. Regarding Paccar's 11V-157 recall (Gunite slack adjusters), Paccar/Kenworth recalled a total of 280 U.S. vehicles with these slack adjusters. However, going through Gunite's purchaser lists (attached), Gunite noted that Kenworth was sold 3,491 of these units and Paccar received 807 units. This is a significant difference from the unit count noted in recall 11V-157.

Do you know why there would be this extreme difference in unit counts? We usually expect a small difference between what is reported and what is ultimately recalled by the vehicle manufacturer, but a 4k difference is quite substantial. We'll need to add some sort of written explanation to our recall file.

Thank you,

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