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U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Ms. Cynthia Glass
West Building
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: EQ15-003 – Spartan Motors, Inc. Response

Dear Ms. Glass:

On March 20, 2015, Spartan Motors, Inc. (Spartan) received notice of EQ15-003 which involves ISC07, ISC10, and ISL-G engines produced by Cummins, Inc. (Cummins). The subject of EQ15-003 is related to safety recalls 14V-313 and 14V-314 which were filed by Blue Bird. As stated in the EQ, Blue Bird identified the risk of a heater hose rupturing which could result in hot engine coolant entering in the passenger compartment.

Engines subject to this EQ (ISC07 and ISC10 only), and purchased by Spartan, could have been installed in incomplete vehicles but more specifically, motorhome chassis or Emergency Response (ER) chassis cabs. In the case of motor home chassis, Spartan may not be privy to, or responsible for, the routing of heater hoses in or near the passenger compartment.

At this time, Spartan is not aware of heater hoses bursting, or other failure modes that could pose a risk to motor vehicle safety, due to a "pulsating thermostat" in ER chassis cabs equipped with the aforementioned engines. Engine coolant supply for the heater(s) in an ER chassis cab may come from an area of the engine in which the thermostat is not a direct part of the heating system.



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Therefore, Spartan has not determined a “pulsating thermostat” is a safety related defect. If you have further questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Best Regards,

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