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Memorandum

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Subject: Extended Length RQ

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The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened a Recall Query (RQ17-001) to investigate loss of steering allegations in certain model year (MY) 2016-2017 Freightliner truck/tractors.

In order to evaluate allegations ODI enlisted the help of NHTSA's Vehicle Research and Testing Center (VRTC). VRTC is in the process of developing and conducting a test program. Additionally, ODI is in the process of coordinating with the Virginia State Police (VSP) Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) and DTNA to conduct a field survey. At the conclusion of these events ODI will be positioned to make a decision. These events were delayed due to the procurement of test equipment and hurricane activity. The RQ will therefore extend beyond the typical four-month guideline referenced in the ODI Control Plan.

The anticipated completion date is now the end of December.