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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Joe Labounte
Compliance and Safety Officer
Orion Bus Industries
350 Hazelhurst Road
Mississauga, Ontario L5T 4T8

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Dear Mr. Labounte:

We have completed a review of the quarterly recall status reports for the first quarter of 2005. Orion Bus Industries (Orion) filed a Defect Information Report on November 11 and an amended report on November 24, 2004 concerning a defect on certain 2002 through 2004 Orion Model VII buses. This defect involved hydraulic leaks on the hydraulic cooling fan motor. According to our records, we have not received an owner notification letter for this campaign or any indication that the campaign has begun.

If you believe that you sent in this document, please provide a copy of the final letter that was mailed to Orion customers. If owners have been notified, please be reminded that the first quarterly report is due 30 days after the close of the quarter in which initial mailing to owners took place. Orion's response to this inquiry is due on or before August 3, 2005.

You may send your response to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please provide an advanced copy to Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-7882. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly at (202) 366-5227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', is written over a horizontal line.

George H. Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement