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NVS-215kjs  
05V-205

Subject: CUMMINS/FUEL LIFT PUMP/STALLING CONDITION

Dear MR. BLUBAUGH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be made accessible to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FREIGHTLINER/FS-65/1998-2002  
FREIGHTLINER/FS-65 SCHOOL BUS CHASSIS/2003  
FREIGHTLINER/MB-45/1998-2003  
FREIGHTLINER/MB-55/1998-2003  
FREIGHTLINER/XB/1998-2003  
THOMAS/MVP EF/1998-2003  
THOMAS/MVP ER/1998-2003

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-205

**Recall Date:** April 20, 2005

**Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 16,000

**Summary:**

CERTAIN 1998-2003 MY FREIGHTLINER FS-65 SCHOOL BUS CHASSIS AND MB-45, MB-55, AND XB SHUTTLE BUS CHASSIS, AND THOMAS BUILT BUS: MVP-ER AND MVP-EF SCHOOL BUS AND NON-SCHOOL BUS MODELS EQUIPPED WITH CUMMINS ISB DIESEL ENGINES AND EQUIPPED WITH FEDERAL-MOGAL 12 AND 24 VOLT FUEL LIFT PUMPS. THE FUEL PUMP COULD FAIL TO TRANSFER FUEL APPROPRIATELY CREATING AN ENGINE STALL CONDITION.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE ENGINE STALL WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE, A POSSIBLE VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

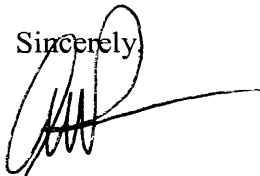
**Remedy:**

CUMMINS WILL NOTIFY THE CUSTOMERS OF FREIGHTLINER AND THOMAS BUILT AND REPLACE THE FUEL LIFT PUMP FREE OF CHARGE.

As stated in your report, we understand that Cummins Engine (Cummins) will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Freightliner is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Cummins' safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency will require Freightliner to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV).

Sincerely,



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