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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
05V-469

Subject: CUMMINS ECM FUEL SYSTEM LIFT PUMP

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/CARGO/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/MB55/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/MC/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/MT45/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/MT55/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XB/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XB-R/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XB-S/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XC/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XC-R/2004-2005
FREIGHTLINER/XC-S/2004-2005
STERLING/CARGO/2004-2005
THOMAS/MVP EF/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-469

Mfg's Report Date: September 23, 2005

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY:FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,310

Summary:

CERTAIN 2004 AND 2005 FREIGHTLINER VAN, MOTORHOME, SHUTTLE BUS, AND SCHOOL BUS CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 2004 AND MAY 2005. ERRATIC VOLTAGE SUPPLY TO THE FUEL LIFT PUMP CAUSES PREMATURE WEAR OF THE PUMP. THIS PREMATURE WEAR COULD RESULT IN FUEL LIFT PUMP FAILURE AND IN SOME CASES MAY CAUSE AN ENGINE STALL CONDITION.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE ENGINE STALL, A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

CUMMINS WILL NOTIFY THE OWNERS OF THE FREIGHTLINER AND THOMAS BUILT VEHICLES AND WILL REPAIR THE ENGINES BY EMC RECALIBRATION AND REPLACEMENT OF THE FUEL LIFT PUMP AT NO CHARGE TO THE CUSTOMER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT CUMMINS ASSISTANCE CENTER 1-800-DIESELS OR FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

FREIGHTLINER RECALL NO. FL-463. CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

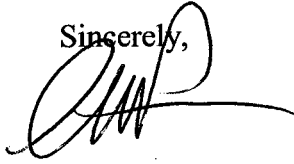
The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following item:

Freightliner has provided, via e-mail, information that has changed the status of the initial Defect Information Report dated September 23, 2005. Therefore, Freightliner is required to submit a supplemental Defect Information Report to our office.

Cummins, in conjunction with Freightliner, will notify owners and repair the engines by EMC recalibration and replacement of the fuel lift pump at no charge to the customer. As stated in your report Cummins will also be providing the quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised if Cummins' campaign is not satisfactorily handled, the agency will require you to renotify owners.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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