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Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6 (b)(1)

This is the first quarterly report regarding Recall Number **05V-011**.

573.6 (b)(2)

The initial notification began and completed January 27, 2005 by certified mail.

573.6 (b)(3)

The recall involves one-hundred eight (108) Collins school buses built on Ford 9,600# GVW single rear wheel and 11,500# dual rear wheel E-350 cutaway van chassis manufactured between September 18, 2002 and January 17, 2005 at the South Hutchinson, Kansas assembly plant. The vehicles are identified as "Bantam" or "Super Bantam" school bus models with 138" wheelbase utilizing a "standard" floor design with wheel housings protruding from the floor over the rear wheels. Collins vehicles with this specific floor design on these specific chassis are constructed with floor structure in close proximity to fuel lines drawing fuel from the rear-mounted tank. The flexible fuel lines located above the fuel tank may come into contact with metal edges on the floor structure. These metal edges are regularly covered with protective rubber parts to prevent contact with the fuel lines and these protective parts may be missing. Absence of the protective parts, along with vehicle movement and vibration, may eventually lead to damage to the fuel lines. This may lead to spillage of fuel which may result in a vehicle fire and harm to the passengers in the vehicle.

573.6 (b)(4)

To date, we have received confirmation that ten (10) buses have been inspected and repaired. Also twenty-three (23) buses have been inspected and determined to not need the repair. Seventy-five (75) buses have not yet been inspected.

573.6(b)(5)

To date, we have determined one (1) of the buses to be unreachable for inspection.

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