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[Suggested OEM Part 573 Notice Letter to NE TSA]

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's reporting regulations, 49 CFR Part 573.6.

KME has decided that there is a potential safety-related defect with respect to connecting rods in ISL CM850 diesel engines manufactured by Cummins Inc. and installed as original equipment in those motor vehicles manufactured by KME and identified below.

1. Product identification and covered motor vehicles.

This defect involves Cummins ISL CM850 diesel engines in emergency vehicles manufactured by KME between Nov, 2015 and April, 2016.

KME manufactured 19 of the motor vehicles subject to this recall campaign, as follows:

Application/Model	Model Year	Covered Production
Predator/Panther	2006	
		Total Production 19

[Expand matrix as appropriate.]

2. Identification of the item: Connecting Rod

Engine Make: Cummins

Model: ISL CM850

Part Number: 3971393

Function: Transmit energy from the piston to the crankshaft

3. Estimated extent of defect population.

Cummins has advised KME that it estimates approximately 16% of the subject population of engines could experience a mission-disabling connecting rod failure. Cummins has advised that it will pursue a 100% recall on all engines in the subject production of KME .

4. Description of defect.

The subject connecting rod transmits energy from the piston to the crankshaft. The connecting rod defect can result in seizure of the piston pin. A piston pin seizure can result in a mission-disabling engine failure.

5. Chronology of events.

On May , 2006 KME was advised by Cummins that it was conducting a safety recall with respect to the referenced emergency vehicles produced by KME . On May , 2006, KME made a determination to submit a Part 573 notice to the agency with respect to the subject motor vehicles.

6. Remedy program.

Cummins has advised that it will perform a voluntary campaign to replace connecting rod assemblies in ISL CM850 emergency vehicle engines built between October 17, 2005 and April 6, 2006. The campaign will be completed without charge to owners of covered vehicles.

7. Part 577 customer letter notification.

Cummins will undertake the customer notification campaign for KME , thereafter submitting the requisite quarterly completion reports.

8. Conduct of recall campaign.

 KME has authorized Cummins to conduct this recall with its affected customers.

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Please advise the undersigned of the recall campaign number assigned by the Office of Defects Investigation to this recall. _____

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Sincerely yours,

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The safety contact at the OEMs impacted by the Cummins ISL safety recall have been blind copied.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL INFORMATION

Re: Cummins Safety Recall of ISL CM850 Diesel Engines Produced for Emergency Vehicle Applications with
ESNs Ranging from 46542688 to 46601872;

Requirement for [Name of OEM] to Make Safety Determination and Submit Part 573 Notice Letter
to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Dear BCC List

As we have previously advised, Cummins has determined to conduct a safety recall campaign with respect to the above-referenced engines, which Cummins produced during the period October 17, 2005 through April 6, 2006. As you know, we are working with you at this time to identify your emergency vehicles subject to this campaign, by model, model year and related vehicle population, so that this information can be submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and also be used by Cummins for recall campaign purposes in a timely fashion.

Under the statute and implementing regulations of NHTSA, you are now required to make your own independent determination whether or not a safety recall should be conducted in this matter with respect to its referenced motor vehicles. **Should, as we recommend, you decide that a safety campaign is necessary here, you have five working days following that decision date to submit a Part 573 defect notice letter to NHTSA.** If you authorize Cummins to undertake the recall and communicate with your customers, your responsibility for notifications to NHTSA in respect to this campaign should be concluded, provided that Cummins receives adequate customer information for campaign followup from your company.

To assist you in preparing the required Part 573 notice letter to NHTSA, Cummins has attached to this transmittal a suggested notice letter, reflecting in part the substance of the Part 573 notice letter which Cummins submitted to NHTSA on May 5, 2006, a copy of which has been provided to you earlier this week.

If you would like to provide a copy of your Part 573 to me, I would be appreciative. For your information, NHTSA has assigned recall number 06E-037 to the Cummins recall. In my absence until May 22, if you have questions, please contact Ms. Vickie Gorczyca at victoria.a.gorczyca@cummins.com

Cummins apologizes to you for any inconvenience resulting from this safety campaign, but we know that you share our concern for the safe operation of your vehicles and customer satisfaction with the operation of Cummins engine products.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in providing Cummins with the relevant vehicle data and owner information. Please contact Cummins should you have any questions concerning this important matter.



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