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**VIA EXPRESS MAIL**

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Re: **Suspension of Mack Safety Recall SC0317, ASET AC Fuel injection lines  
(NHTSA Recall # 06V-392)**

Dear Mr. Person:

As a result of three (3) reports received in February of engine fires that occurred shortly after having the recall repairs performed, I informed Pat Wallace on February 21, 2007 that Mack Trucks, Inc. would suspend the safety recall until further notice. Listed below is a chronology of events associated with the suspension:

1/19/07	Released Safety Recall SC0317
2/6/07	Received report of an engine fire on vehicle that had repairs done for SC0317
2/6/07	Regulatory Affairs opens safety investigation
2/9/07	Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> report of an engine fire on a vehicle that had repairs done for SC0317
2/13/07	Fire investigation analysis performed on 1 <sup>st</sup> vehicle. 3 <sup>rd</sup> report of an engine fire on a vehicle that had repairs done for SC0317
2/15/07	Fire investigation analysis performed on 2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicle
2/19/07	Stop Delivery Issued. Vehicles placed on hold at manufacturing facility
2/22/07	Safety recall SC0317 suspended. Informed Dealers of suspension
2/26/07	Customer notified by mail regarding the suspension



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As you can see in the aforementioned chronology, we have performed fire investigations on two of the three vehicles. Based on those investigations, we came to the following conclusions:

- The protective sleeves do not perform as expected (i.e. did not prevent engine fires from occurring); and,
- Special tools are needed to insure correct torque is applied to the fuel injection lines; and,
- Repair instructions must be simplified

After much consideration, we have devised a plan to address the issues associated with the recall. This plan involves the following elements:

1. New fuel injection lines for service. We are pursuing an improved fuel injection line for service instead of providing a protective sleeve; and,
2. New service tools: We are developing new service tools that will ensure that the correct torque is applied when the line is replaced; and,
3. Service Training Video: We are developing a training video that we will distribute to our dealers

We expect to have the training video and service tools available in May; however, we have not been able to confirm the lead-times for the new fuel injection lines. I do want to assure you that we are working diligently on this and will be sharing these lead-times with you as soon as they are identified. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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