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Dear Mr. Smith:

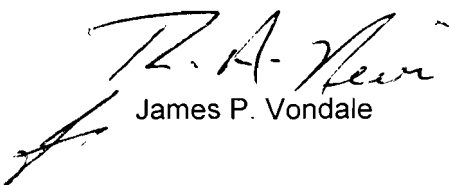
Subject: Caterpillar Safety Recall 07E-053 on Ford F-650/750 trucks.

This letter is being sent in accordance with 49CFR Part 573.3 (f) based on a Caterpillar determination of a defect in certain C7 and C9 engines supplied to Ford and other original equipment vehicle manufacturers. In a July 23, 2007, letter to the agency Caterpillar indicated that "a fuel pump failure will dilute the engine oil with fuel and may cause the turbocharger to fail and cause loss of throttle control with warning. The warning may be experienced by erratic performance and excessive smoke, both of which may result in a situation where a vehicle crash could occur." Ford produced 737 model year 2008 Ford F-650/750 vehicles for sale in the U.S. and federalized territories with the affected engines at the Escobedo Assembly Plant from April 23, 2007, through August 23, 2007. Ford has not made a determination that a safety defect exists in any of the vehicles it has manufactured, and as of November 6, 2007, has had no reports of the condition occurring in the potentially affected vehicles, but is sending this notification so that the agency has a record of the Ford vehicles in which the Caterpillar engines were used.

The service action will be conducted and administered by Caterpillar as described in their July 23, 2007, letter to the agency. Ford provided vehicle and owner information to Caterpillar in September 2007 based on the final engine serial number information provided to Ford by Caterpillar on August 24, 2007. Caterpillar is notifying customers directly. As indicated in a July 30, 2007, agency letter to Caterpillar, quarterly recall completion reporting will be the responsibility of Caterpillar.

Ford has assigned a tracking number, 07V11, to the Caterpillar action.

Sincerely,


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