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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-049

Subject: AIR BRAKE SYSTEM TIMING/FMVSS 121

Dear MR. CARPENTER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent amended defect information report dated February 25, 2008. Please review the following amended information as this is being made available to the public. If you do not agree with this amended information, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CRANE/COE/1999-2001
CRANE/LDT/1999-2002
CRANE/LDT2/2001-2007
CRANE/LET/1998-2003
CRANE/LET2/2001-2007

Mfg's Amended Report Date: February 25, 2008

Potential Number of Units Affected: 672

Summary:

CRANE CARRIER IS RECALLING 672 MY 1999-2001 COE, MY 1999-2002 LDT, MY 2001-2007 LDT2, MY 1998-2003 LET, AND MY 2001-2007 LET2 TWO-AXLE REFUSE CAB AND CHASSIS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE BRAKE RELEASE TIMING REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE BRAKE RELEASE TIMING WAS SLOWER THAN REQUIRED.

Consequence:

THIS STANDARD SPECIFIES PERFORMANCE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING AIR-OVER-HYDRAULIC BRAKE SYSTEMS, TO ENSURE SAFE BRAKING PERFORMANCE UNDER NORMAL AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

Remedy:

CRANE WILL REPLACE SEVERAL FITTINGS AND HOSES WHICH WILL INCREASE THE AIR FLOW AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPROVE THE BRAKE RELEASE TIMING. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CRANE CARRIER AT 918-832-7305.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please let us know the date (month/day/year) when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall. These copies are over and above what your company normally sends in each month under Part 579.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

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