U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-472

SUBJECT: ARD EXTENSION PIPES/CATERPILLAR

DEAR MR. GORNICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge American LaFrance, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years: To be provided

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-472

Mfg's Report Date: September 12, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Summary:
AMERICAN LAFRANCE IS RECALLING ONE (1) MY 2008 LOW CAB FORWARD (LCF) CONDOR TRUCK EQUIPPED WITH A CATERPILLAR C13 DIESEL ENGINES. THE EXTENSION PIPES ATTACHED TO THE AFTERTREATMENT REGENERATION DEVICE (ARD) MAY DEVELOP A HOLE, AND HEAT AND FLAME MAY ESCAPE DURING A REGENERATION OF THE DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER.

Consequence:
THIS MAY RESULT IN A FIRE HAZARD.

Remedy:
AMERICAN LAFRANCE IS WORKING WITH CATERPILLAR TO REPAIR THIS VEHICLE (PLEASE SEE 08E054). OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT 1-800-447-4986 OR AMERICAN LAFRANCE AT 1-843-486-7400.

Notes:
CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

As stated in your report, Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wallace for

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