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To: Timian, Jennifer (NHTSA)
Cc: Bryan L. Harris
Subject: 09V-433 Courtesy TQ
Importance: High

Ms. Timian,

Good afternoon. I just received (today) the attached letter which was faxed from Mr. Person's office on or near 19NOV09. I would like to clarify the dates on which communication took place regarding the subject recall number.

20OCT09 – We were notified by Cummins of their recall 09E-046 via email shortly after 1600 hrs.

29OCT09 – The electronic notification was presented to our Corrective Action Review Team where consensus was reached and agreed this is indeed a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

30OCT09 – Spartan Motors, Inc. submitted draft customer, dealer, and final stage manufacturing customer letters via email to Mrs. Kelly Schuler. It was discovered on Monday, 02NOV09, the 573 report was omitted from that electronic notification. After this discovery, the 573 report was promptly submitted.

I would ask that you review this matter in correlation with the attached letter dated 19NOV09. Please note from notification to final submission to the NHTSA took 9 business days. In this time frame, Spartan took the time to review the list of affected engine serial numbers, correlate them to Spartan VIN's, and then the location of those units.

I would ask that Spartan Motors, Inc. be recognized for its conformance to 49CFR573 as it relates to this matter and is not in violation with its obligations to notify the NHTSA of defects related to motor vehicle safety.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and offer feedback as needed.

Best Regards,

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