



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 4, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Todd Heitmann
Technical Service & Claims Manager
Wilson Trailer Company
4400 SO Lewis Boulevard
Sioux City, IA 51106

NVS-215jin
09V-145

Dear Mr. Heitmann:

Wilson Trailer Company (Wilson Trailer) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 09V-145 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 7,429 MY 1999 through 2009 gooseneck trailers. In Wilson Trailer's seventh reporting quarter, Wilson Trailer reports that of the 7,429 vehicles involved, 6,134 have not been remedied.

Wilson Trailer should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Wilson Trailer should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Wilson Trailer's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Wilson Trailer is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Wilson Trailer's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by November 30, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Josh Neff at (202) 366-0698, Joshua.neff@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement