



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

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MR. THOMAS LANE
ENGINE PRODUCT SAFETY &
COMPLIANCE MANAGER
CATERPILLAR, INC.
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PEORIA IL 61629-7150

NVS-215kjs
10E-025

SUBJECT: FUEL LINE FAILURE

DEAR MR. LANE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Caterpillar, Inc.'s (Caterpillar) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment listed below.

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:
CATERPILLAR/C7/9999

Mfg's Report Date: June 22, 2010 **NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10E-025

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING,
AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,920

Summary:

CATERPILLAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN C7 ENGINES MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 3, 2005 THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2009, INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT IN VARIOUS HEAVY TRUCKS AND BUSES. THE #5 AND #6 FUEL LINES MAY CRACK AT THE FASTENING POINT TO THE COMMON FUEL RAIL AND CAUSE A FUEL LEAK.

Consequence:

A FUEL LEAK, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, CAN RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE.

Remedy:

CATERPILLER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-447-4986.

Notes:

OWNERS 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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