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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. BRYAN TILLET
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PETERSON INDUSTRIES, INC.
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SMITH CENTER, KS 66967

NVS-215kjs
10V-440

SUBJECT: GAS COOK STOVES/POSSIBLE FIRE

DEAR MR. TILLET:

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

EXCEL/LIMITED/2011
EXCEL/WILD CARGO/2010-2011
EXCEL/WINSLOW/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-440 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 23, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52

Summary:

PETERSON INDUSTRIES IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 EXCEL WINSLOW, LIMITED, AND WILD CARGO MOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH SUBURBAN GAS COOK STOVES WITH SEALED BURNERS. THE UNITS INVOLVED USE AN ALUMINUM TUBE TO CARRY LIQUID PROPANE GAS FROM THE OVEN CONTROL VALVE TO THE GAS ORIFICE WHICH SUPPLIES GAS TO THE BURNER. THIS CAN CAUSE THE TUBE TO BREAK RESULTING IN A GAS LEAK WHEN THE OVEN BURNER ATTEMPTS TO LIGHT.

Consequence:

A GAS LEAK OCCURRING IN THE AREA OF THE OVEN PILOT CAN CAUSE A "FLASH" WHEN THE GAS IGNITES, AND WOULD CAUSE A FIRE IF THE OVEN VALVE IS NOT PROMPTLY TURNED OFF.

Remedy:

PETERSON INDUSTRIES WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A REPLACEMENT GAS LINE THAT HAS BEEN SOURCED AND TESTED TO INSURE THAT THE DEFECT WHICH CREATED THE STRESS POINT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PETERSON INDUSTRIES at 1-785-282-6825.

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 provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 the 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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement