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Jennifer Timian (NVS-215)  
Chief of Recall Management  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

Vehicle Recall: **ArrowXT Air Cleaner Bracket, Caterpillar C13 2007 Engine  
Pierce Recall Number – 74B211**

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pierce has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below. We therefore furnish notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

**1. Name of Manufacturer and Corporate contact:**

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**2. Identification of Vehicle Classification:**

Make: Pierce  
Model Years Involved: 2008 - 2009  
Models: Arrow XT  
Mfg. Date Beginning: 03/17/2008  
Mfg. Date Ending: 12/18/2009

**3. Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles: 108****4. Estimated Percentage of Vehicles Containing the Defect or Noncompliance: 100 %**

**5. Description of the defect or noncompliance:** On certain Pierce ArrowXT custom chassis built with Caterpillar C13 2007 engines, the three upper air cleaner bracket fasteners may loosen and fall out. If this occurs the air cleaner and bracket may fall onto the engine and start a fire. If an under cab fire occurs, the engine operation could be affected and a crash may occur. This condition may occur without warning.

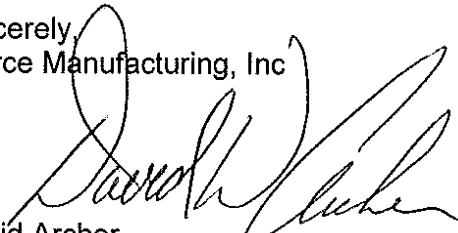
**Chronology of Principal Events:**

- October 21, 2010 - San Diego, CA ArrowXT had an engine fire at 7:30 PM Pacific time.
- October 22, 2010 - Pierce dealer arrived at San Diego shop to inspect the truck. He verified through service records that no air cleaner service work had been done. Inspected two additional San Diego trucks where the air cleaner mounting bolts were **not** loose.
- December 15, 2010 - Larry Long, NHTSA Safety Defects Specialist, inquired about Caterpillar Technical Information Bulletin dated 2010/11/04.
- January 10, 2011 - On seven of eleven trucks inspected at Jacksonville, FL, the ArrowXT air cleaner mounting bolts were not tightened securely.
- February 3, 2011 - The Pierce Safety Committee agreed to submit a voluntary safety recall defect report.

**6. Corrective Action:** Not available at this time.

**7. Representative Notices:** Notices will be sent at a later date.

Sincerely,  
Pierce Manufacturing, Inc



David Archer  
Director of Engineering, Cab, Chassis and Electrical