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December 22, 2011

Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report 11C-4 (FL-621),
Emergency Vehicle Engine Shutdown**

Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Daimler Trucks North America LLC herewith reports a safety campaign to recall approximately 320 Detroit Diesel DD13 EPA 2010 engines, and 100 Freightliner and Western Star vehicles manufactured January 1, 2010, through December 15, 2011. The engine shutdown software normally provided to protect the engine and vehicle may not have been disabled on engines intended for emergency vehicle applications.

Attached is Daimler Trucks North America's Defect Information Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


Nasser Zamani

Cc: Amy Martin, Chief Counsel, CAL-OSHA
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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

December 22, 2011

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner, Western Star

(c)(2) Vehicles identification:

Model(s) affected: Freightliner – Business Class M2, Western Star - 4900

Model Years affected: 2011 and 2012

Manufacture Dates: July 2, 2010, through December 13, 2011

Basis for determining population: Vehicles intended for use in emergency vehicle applications and equipped with DD13 EPA10 engines with shutdowns enabled

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Detroit Diesel Corporation, C/o Daimler Trucks North America LLC

(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: Approximately 100

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 100%

(c)(5) Description of the defect: After the vehicle operator receives and ignores multiple warnings indicating the need for operator intervention, the engine may shutdown unexpectedly. Unexpected emergency vehicle engine shutdown under certain conditions could hamper rescue operations and place the public at risk.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: November 2011, DDC identified that the engine shutdown software normally provided to protect the engine and vehicle may not have been disabled on engines intended for emergency vehicle applications and began an investigation. December 2011, DDC decided to conduct a safety recall campaign to disable the shutdown process on DD13 EPA2010 engines used in emergency vehicle applications.

(c)(7) Noncompliance-test or other data: Not applicable

(c)(8) (i) Remedial program: The engine shutdown will be disabled. Repairs will be performed by Detroit Diesel Corporation authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(ii) Estimated Owner and Dealer Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately February 22, 2012

Dealer and distributor notification will be completed approximately February 22, 2012

(c)(9) Information for tire recalls: Not Applicable

(c)(10) Communications sent to manufacturers, dealers and owners: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

(c)(11) Manufacturer's campaign number: 11C-4