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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215SM
14V-589

Subject: Manual Tank Shutoff Valve may Stick Closed

Dear Mr. Zamani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Trucks North America LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

FREIGHTLINER/M2/2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 22, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-589

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16

Problem Description:

Daimler Trucks North America LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain model year 2013 Freightliner Business Class M2 vehicles manufactured May 29, 2012, to June 11, 2012, and equipped with certain compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel tank systems manufactured by Agility Fuel Systems. In the affected fuel systems, due to a separation of the valve seat from the valve stem, the manual tank shutoff valve can get internally stuck in the closed position while being opened, although the knob may indicate that the valve is open.

Consequence:

If the valve is stuck closed, the flow of fuel would be blocked from the fuel container to the engine. Such a condition poses a safety risk to service personnel as there is no safe way to depressurize the fuel system and service the subject valve when it is stuck in the closed position, increasing the risk of injury to the service personnel. There may also be a small fuel leak through the valve stem when the valve seat becomes detached, increasing the risk of fire. The affected fuel container may also become over-pressurized if the stuck valve goes undetected for a period of time, or is not repaired in a timely manner, and the ambient temperature increases significantly.

Remedy:

DTNA will notify owners, and Agility Fuel Systems dealers will replace the valve seat and stem assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on November 21, 2014. Owners may contact DTNA's customer service at 1-800-745-8000 or Agility's customer service at 1-949-236-5520. DTNA's number for this recall is FL-669.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please 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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement