



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 19, 2016

Mr. Brian Mahoney  
MORBARK, INC.  
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NEF-150MR  
16V-612

**Subject:** Tail Light Location is Incorrect/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

This letter serves to acknowledge MORBARK, INC.'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:**

MORBARK/BEEVER/2013-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 18, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-612

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 813

**Problem Description:**

Morbark Inc. (Morbark) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 Beever M15R wood-chipper trailers manufactured February 6, 2013, to August 3, 2016, and Beever M20R wood-chipper trailers manufactured January 5, 2009, to August 3, 2016. The stop lights and tail lights on the affected vehicles may be located too high to be easily seen. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

Rear lights that cannot easily be seen increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Morbark will notify owners and dealers will install a kit that repositions the lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 11, 2016. Owners may contact Morbark customer service at 1-517-866-2381.

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

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement