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Subject: Chronology for KME Recall 21V097

Per your 3/2 e-mail to Brian Polgrean, this letter serves to provide additional information on the timeline related to KME recall 21V097 related to axle weld failures.

The details of the timeline are provided below, but please note the following in particular:

- The initial failure was reported to us July, 2020, not June as initially submitted.
- All reported failures have been limited to a single customer, Los Angeles County Fire Department, in a group of 20 pumpers that were delivered in 2017. To this point, we have not had any reported failures from any other customers. As noted below, all 20 units in that group have been repaired.

The timeline is as follows:

7/23/20 – Received e-mail notification from LA County of failure of welds on a KME pumper delivered in 2017 (1 of 20 units delivered at that time). Discussed repair plan for that unit.

8/24/20 – KME received notification from LA County that a second pumper in that build group had experienced a similar failure. Developed inspection plan for remaining units from that group.

8/27/20 – Discovered 3 additional units with cracking at the welds in question. Determined that all 20 units in that build group must be rewelded.

8/27/20 – 2/26/2021 – Carried out repairs on the 20 units in question. Repairs were done one at a time and took approximately 1 week to complete.

2/3/21 – Reviewed history with REV management and made decision to issue recall on 2/17.

2/26/21 – Completed inspections & repairs on initial 20 LA County units

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas B. Kelley".

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