

Mr. Tony Wayne
General Manager & VP
EIDorado National
13900 Sycamore Way
Chino, CA 91710

NSA-11paw
00V-101

MAY 11 2000

Dear Mr. Wayne:

We have reviewed EIDorado National's (EIDorado) Defect Information Report dated March 31, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 173 EIDorado 1992-1995 Escort RE rear engine buses manufactured from October 1992 through August 1995, and 1994-1996 Transmark RE rear engine buses manufactured from July 1994 through January 1996. These buses are powered by a CNG engine and copper tubing was used as vent lines. The copper tubing is unable to contain the CNG venting in the engine compartment. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 00V-101.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification began April 10, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by EIDorado to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

|S|

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance