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Ms. Wood,

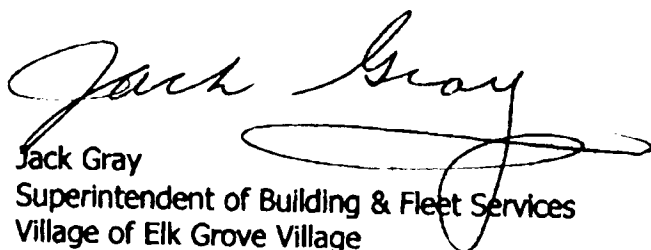
During our testing of phase II reformulated gasoline, we experienced four (4) fuel pump failures. Because the test period covered five to six months, I don't consider this number of failures to be out of the ordinary for a fleet of our size. While I do not have detailed records on the historical rate of fuel pump replacements in the Elk Grove Village fleet, it is my opinion, based on my experience, that the number of failures we expected during this program was normal. It is customary to replace fuel pumps on vehicles that have accumulated more than 60,000 miles. While this is not a planned event in the life of any vehicle, experience has shown that it can be expected. Generally, we are not concerned about fuel pump failures that occur after 60,000 miles.

As I have stated previously, the testing of the phase II RFG was basically transparent to our users. Even the mechanical staff saw no change or affect.

I hope these comments will assist you in your endeavor to conclude your report on the testing program. Should you require any further information, data or comments please do not hesitate to call me.

It has truly been a pleasure working with you and the rest of the EPA staff. Thanks again for the opportunity to assist the EPA in this program. If there is an opportunity to participate in any other future testing please keep us in mind.

Respectfully,



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