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Jeffrey M. Sims, President
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Gainesville, VA 20155

Dear Mr. Sims,

I am writing in response to the Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association’s (TTMA) letters seeking reconsideration of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles—Phase 2 (Phase 2) rulemaking, published on October 25, 2016 (81 FR 73478).

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) received two letters from TTMA requesting reconsideration of the Phase 2 rulemaking—one on April 4, 2017, and a supplemental letter on June 26, 2017. Pursuant to NHTSA’s regulations, petitions for reconsideration must be received by the agency not later than 45 days following publication of the rule. 49 CFR § 553.35. Petitions filed after that timeframe are to be considered as petitions for rulemaking under 49 CFR § 552. Id.

After reviewing your letters, NHTSA has decided to grant your petition for rulemaking.

The agency notes that its granting of this petition does not prejudge the outcome of the rulemaking or necessarily mean that a final rule will be issued. The determination of whether to issue a rule will be made in accordance with statutory criteria.

Sincerely,

Jack Danielson
Acting Deputy Administrator