



March 25, 2008

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall No. 02-E045000

Dear Associate Administrator:

Norcold, Inc. manufactures absorption refrigerators which are sold for application in Recreational Vehicles ("RVs"). On July 22, 2002 Norcold announced and undertook a motor vehicle equipment safety recall to address a potential fatigue failure in cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold refrigerator model numbers 1200LR and 1200LRIM built from December 1, 1996 to February 28, 1999. Norcold has determined that this recall should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 1999 to February 28, 2001. Each cooling unit under this extension has a serial number between 1008701 and 1273700, non consecutively.

The nature of the defect is a fatigue failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant. This fatigue failure could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak from the cooling unit. If a leak occurs and the refrigerator continues to be operated after solution circulation has ceased the heat source could generate very high temperatures. At such high temperatures the steel material of the cooling unit could soften and rupture. If refrigerant gas is still in place when the rupture occurs hydrogen gas may be expelled and could be ignited by the high temperature, possibly causing a fire.

We are planning a vehicle safety recall campaign with respect to this additional population to notify OEMs, distributors, dealers, service centers and vehicle owners of the hazard and to a free remedy to prevent temperature elevation that could allow a fire should this failure mode arise. As soon as the materials are prepared which will be shared with the OEMs, distributors, dealers, service centers and vehicle owners regarding this additional safety recall we will submit them to you along with any other information needed to comply with NHTSA notification requirements. We expect to have parts available for this remedy work to begin in May of 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. David Roberts".

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