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Re: #060807HWE5480 ✓

Dear Ms. McDonald:

Deere & Company would like to comment on the above-referenced Epidemiologic Investigation Report, which was attached to your letter to me dated 31 October 2006.

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h was backed over by her father, who was operating a John Deere L120 Lawn Tractor.

This tractor is equipped with a device that shuts off the engine if the operator moves into reverse the mower blades on. In order to keep the mower blades turning in reverse, the operator must make a conscious decision to use an override every time he or she backs up the tractor.

This tractor also came with explicit warnings in the Operator's Manual, in the Mowing Safety Video, and on the tractor itself about the dangers to children and to never mow when children are in the yard.

Deere & Company denies there is any manufacturing or design defect in this product.

Deere & Company asks to be notified if the Commission receives a request for disclosure of the information contained in the above-referenced document.

Sincerely

Deborah J. Morrison

cc. Daniel A. Harvey