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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Hattiesburg, MS [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11618663

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement activity. I am pleased to respond.

We appreciate the report you provided. Among other enforcement activities, NHTSA continuously monitors available information to identify potential safety defect trends. As such, reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We reviewed our database to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with fluid leaks caused by rocks impacting and penetrating the inverter radiator in MY 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid vehicles. As part of our review, we also evaluated the grill design to determine if it provided adequate protection for the radiator and related components. At this time, NHTSA has not identified sufficient evidence to open a safety defect investigation or to initiate a recall. However, we entered your information into NHTSA's database, where it will be used with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. You can learn more about NHTSA's investigation and recall process on our website at https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2024-11/MVSDefectsandRecalls-Update_112124_v1a_tag.pdf.

Finally, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire on our website at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 if you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future. You can also review complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. on our website. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,



Randy Reid, Chief
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Enforcement