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Dear Mr. Ditlow:

This letter notifies you that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation has granted the petition you submitted on October 13, 2009, to open a defect investigation into fuel tank fire hazards on Model Years 1993 – 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles.

In accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 552, "Petitions for Rulemaking, Defects, and Noncompliance Orders," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has conducted a review of the petition and other pertinent information. The Office of Defects Investigation finds that the information is not conclusive as to the presence of a safety defect or the likelihood of the alleged hazard. The Office of Defects Investigation is opening a defect investigation to gather additional information to determine whether the subject vehicles' fuel storage system (tank and fuel filler tube) present a crash related fire hazard.

Sincerely,

Richard Boyd, Acting Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Vehicle Safety

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cc: Steve Chan