



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

Ms. Lalitha Seetharaman
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NVS-213dlr
DP10-004

Dear Ms. Seetharaman:

This letter is in response to your petition requesting that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conduct a defect investigation of brake failure in model year (MY) 2005 Honda Accord Hybrid vehicles.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the NHTSA has evaluated your petition. A summary of the evaluation is presented in the enclosed notice, which is also published in the Federal Register.

During the evaluation, ODI conducted an assessment of similar braking related complaints involving similarly equipped Honda Accord Hybrid vehicles and first and second generation Honda Civic Hybrid vehicles, an analysis of data provided to ODI by Honda, and performed vehicle testing (of an exemplar vehicle) at its Ohio Research and Testing facility.

Based on ODI's evaluation, it is unlikely that NHTSA would issue an order requiring the notification and remedy of the braking system in the aforementioned vehicles at the conclusion of an investigation. Therefore, in view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, your petition is denied.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Frank S. Borris, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
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Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

