U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation:

DP 10-001

Prompted By:

Petition Letter

Date Opened:

01/07/2010

Principal Investigator: Steve Chan

Subject: Alleged Fuel Tank Level Sensor Failure

Manufacturer:

General Motors Corp.

Products:

2005-2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer and GMC Envoy

Population:

639,649 (estimated)

Problem Description: Incorrect fuel level reading may result in the vehicle running out of fuel without

warning to the driver.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	257	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: The petition will be evaluated for a grant or deny decision.

Engineer:

Steve Chan 50

Date: 01/07/2010

Div. Chief: Gregory E. Magno

Date: 01/07/2010

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 01/07/2010

Summary Mr. Billy Hayes of Old Hickory, TN, petitioned the agency in a letter dated November 27, 2009. The petitioner requests that NHTSA open an investigation into the performance/reliability of the fuel tank level sensor installed in model year 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer vehicles. The petitioner alleges that the fuel tank level sensor is defective and could result in a subject vehicle running out of fuel, stall, and being rear ended by another vehicle.

ODI will evaluate the petition for a grant or deny decision.