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**National Highway  
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# Memorandum

Subject: Request for IR Extension

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Reply to  
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To: File, PE13-035

Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc. has informed the Office of Defects Investigation that they are unable to provide a response to the information request regarding PE13-035 by December 13, 2013. Recent discussions at the Kia offices in South Korea with the R&D and Quality engineers established that further research on R&D, supplier, and quality engineering issues was going to require additional time to complete in order to fully respond to the information request. Kia's US offices will also be closed from December 24, 2013 through January 1, 2014 and Kia's offices in South Korea will be closed from December 31, 2013 through January 3, 2014. Kia has requested an extension to submit all IR material on January 10, 2014.

In addition, PE13-035 IR letter subject vehicle definition includes both the 2011-2013 Kia Sorento (which is the subject vehicle for the investigation) and Hyundai Santa Fe (on the basis of VOQ reports for sunroof failure). Hyundai previously advised ODI (verbally) that the Santa Fe uses a different vehicle platform and sunroof supplier than the Sorento. On that basis they requested that the Santa Fe be struck from the IR subject vehicle definition. ODI instead will be treating the Hyundai Santa Fe as a "peer vehicle" for the purposes of the investigation. Accordingly a response is required for certain IR requests, specifically requests 1 – 6, and request 10. Hyundai has informed the office that they can provide the material by January 10, 2014. ODI has granted both requests.