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Memorandum

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Subject: Memo to File Regarding NHTSA-
Manufacturer Meeting

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To: EA14-004 File

This memo notes that representatives from Honda R&D (Honda) and NHTSA's Vehicle Research and Test Center (VRTC) met on March 30, 2015, at VRTC in East Liberty, Ohio, regarding EA14-004 on inadvertent deployment of the side air bags in certain model year 2008 Honda Accord vehicles. The participants reviewed and discussed the test setup and results of NHTSA's air bag deployment tests. This was followed by a videoconference between Honda, VRTC and NHTSA staff in Washington, DC. The participants reviewed and discussed a modeling analysis conducted by NHTSA.

Honda representatives included Brian O'Hara, Craig Markusic, Bryant Whitcomb, Alex Damman, Lando Hamlett, and Yoshihisa Sugamata.

VRTC staff included Dan Pearse, Rick Hughes, and Michael Rhoades.

NHTSA staff that joined the videoconference included Scott Yon (ODI), Michael Lee (ODI), and Erik Takhounts (Research).

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