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Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Ref: 04V230

Dear Mr. Smith:

In May 2004, Nissan announced a voluntary recall campaign of Nissan Frontier vehicles equipped with a six cylinder engine and manufactured from June 11, 1998 to March 28, 2003, and Nissan Xterra vehicles manufactured from March 4, 1999 to March 15, 2003. The issue was a potential for corrosion of fuel sending unit terminals. The remedy was to replace the fuel sending unit with a new one in States with heavy use of road salt in the winter. In other States, the remedy was to inspect the fuel sending units for corrosion. If corrosion was present, the fuel sending unit was replaced. If there was no corrosion, special sealant was applied to help prevent road salt from entering the fuel sending unit in the future.

Nissan anticipated that in the course of the corrective remedy described above, a small percentage of vehicles would require the entire fuel tank to be replaced, if the mounting flange and o-ring groove on the fuel tank become damaged when the vehicle is disassembled for campaign repairs (there are six different fuel tanks for the various models involved in this campaign). However, an unanticipated demand for one of the six replacement fuel tanks has temporarily depleted Nissan's stock of this tank. Because the original tooling for this tank is no longer available, Nissan has arranged for a new supplier to build replacement tanks. It is anticipated that the replacement tanks will be available to Nissan dealers in September 2008. There is an adequate supply of the other five fuel tank parts for the campaign.

In the interim period, Nissan is deferring campaign repairs on vehicles potentially requiring the out-of-stock fuel tank until September 2008, when the replacement fuel tanks will be once again available. Campaign repairs will continue on models equipped with the five other types of tanks. Nissan advised

dealers to take down the information of any customers whose vehicle may be affected by the out-of-stock situation, so that Nissan can contact these customers in September when the tanks become available. Special arrangements are being made for customers whose vehicles require immediate repairs.

Very truly,

Frank D. Slaveter Senior Manager,

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