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**National Highway  
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Mr. Robert Babcock  
Manager, Certification and Compliance  
Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc.  
6800 Geddes Road  
Superior Township, MI 48198

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Babcock:

Hyundai of Puerto Rico (Hyundai) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-369 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 919 MY 2002 and 2003 Hyundai Sonata XG, Sonata EF, Elantra, and Tiburon passenger vehicles manufactured from October 4, 2001, through November 9, 2002, which fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 301, "Fuel System Integrity." A valve on the fuel tank assembly may not close properly. If a vehicle rolls over and the fuel tank assembly valve is not properly closed, fuel spillage may occur. In the presence of an ignition source, fuel spillage may result in a fire. The remedy for this recall is to install an additional fuel tank assembly valve. Owner notification began on October 5, 2004. Through the third quarter of 2005, Hyundai's fourth reporting quarter, Hyundai reports that of the 919 vehicles involved, 199 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 21.7 percent.

Hyundai should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

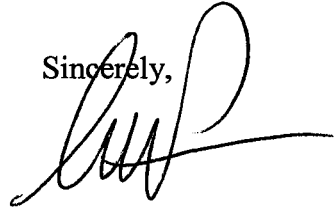
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Hyundai should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Hyundai' proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Hyundai is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Hyundai's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 7, 2005.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at [kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement