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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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-370 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 582 MY 2004 Hyundai Elantra passenger vehicles manufactured from September 1, 2003, through April 14, 2004, for fuel leaks. In the presence of an ignition source, fuel leakage may result in a fire. The remedy for this recall is to inspect the position of the vapor tube hose clamp ears and correctly position the clamp, if necessary. Owner notification began on October 5, 2004. Through the third quarter of 2005, Hyundai's fourth reporting quarter, Hyundai reports that of the 582 vehicles involved, 197 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 34 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.

George Person, Chief

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