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of Transportation
**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-316

SUBJECT: FUEL TANK SUPPORT PAD

DEAR MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.'s (Kawasaki) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
KAWASAKI/KLX250/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-316

Mfg's Report Date: June 2, 2011

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY:
MOUNTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,856

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 KLX250 MOTORCYCLES. THE FUEL TANK COULD LEAK FROM CRACKS AT THE SPOT WELD(S) ON THE SIDE MOUNT TABS DUE TO STRESS CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE FUEL TANK AND A FRAME-MOUNTED RUBBER DAMPER.

Consequence:

FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF SPARK OR FLAME COULD CAUSE A FIRE OR EXPLOSION POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND CORRECT THE FUEL TANK AS NECESSARY, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 866-802-9381.

Notes:

KAWASAKI SAFETY RECALL NO. MC11-04. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement