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Ms. Nancy Lewis Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Recall Management Division (NVS-215) 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306 Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors to conduct a safety related recall for certain 2014 model year Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Seirra vehicles.

By Recall Management Division at 8:15 am, Jul 19, 2013

573.6(c)(1): Chevrolet and GMC Brands of General Motors Company

573.6(c)(2)(3)(4): This information is shown on the attached sheet.

<u>573.6(c)(5)</u>: General Motors has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2014 model year Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra crew cab vehicles. Welding on the passenger airbag inflator may fracture when the airbag is deployed, allowing some of the gases to vent behind the instrument panel, instead of into the airbag. If this occurs, the airbag may not fully inflate and could increase the risk of personal injury in a crash.

<u>573.6(c)(6)</u>: The supplier informed GM on July 9, 2012, about an inflator condition that the supplier discovered on June 20, 2013, during a lot acceptance test.

GM immediately began to investigate the issue. GM determined that some lots of suspect modules identified by the supplier were assembled into vehicles. A stop delivery was issued July 11, 2013.

The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee and on July 15, 2013, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to replace the passenger airbag module.

GM sent the dealer bulletin on July 15, 2013. GM will start calling customers on July 19, 2013, and anticipates mailing owner letters on July 30, 2013.



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Pursuant to 577.11(e), GM does not plan to provide notice about reimbursement to owners because all involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

573.6(c)(10): GM will provide copies of the dealer bulletin and owner letter under separate cover.

573.6(c)(11): GM's assigned recall number is 13230.

Sincerely,

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M. Carmen Benavides, Director **Product Investigations and Safety Regulations** 

13230 Attachment

## VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR <u>PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE</u>

MAKE	MODEL <u>SERIES</u>	MODEL <u>YEAR</u>	NUMBER INVOLVED	MANUFACTU (FROM)	RING DATES (TO)	DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST, NO. <u>W/CONDITION</u>
Chevrolet	C/K	2014	619	06/1/2013	06/30/2013	Silverado	*
GMC	C/K	2014	224	06/4/2013	06/30/2013	Seirra	
GM Total: 843			843				

\* All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

573.6(c)(2)(iv): Takata

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The involved part, the airbag inflator, is manufactured in Mexico.

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