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March 17, 2014

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 some 2008 - 2009 and all 2010 - 2013 model year Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia vehicles, some 2009 and all 2010 - 2013 model year Chevrolet Traverse vehicles, and some 2008 - 2009 and all 2010 model year Saturn Outlook vehicles. Vehicles repaired as part of Customer Satisfaction Campaign 10085 and Special Coverage 10335 have already had the subject condition repaired and therefore are not included in the safety recall.

573.6(c)(1): General Motors Company: Buick, Chevrolet, GMC and Saturn Brands

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

573.6(c)(5): General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2008 - 2009 and all 2010 - 2013 model year Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia vehicles, some 2009 and all 2010 - 2013 model year Chevrolet Traverse vehicles, and some 2008 – 2009 and all 2010 model year Saturn Outlook vehicles..

Corrosion and/or loose crimps in the driver and passenger seat mounted side impact airbag (SIAB) wiring harness connectors can cause an increase in resistance. The airbag sensing system will interpret an increase in resistance as a fault. A fault will illuminate the airbag readiness light on the instrument cluster and a "SERVICE AIR BAG" message in the Driver Information Center (DIC), and set a Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC). At first, at lower levels of resistance, the light and DIC message may be intermittent and the airbags and pretensioners will still deploy. Over time, the resistance may reach a level where the SIABs, front center side airbag, if equipped, and pretensioners will not deploy in a crash.

573.6(c)(6): The issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee, and on March 14 and March 16, 2014, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall. General Motors will be submitting a supplemental chronology within two weeks.



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<u>573.6(c)(8)</u>: Dealers will remove the driver and passenger SIAB wiring harness connectors and splice and solder the wires together. GM will provide the dealer bulletin and owner letter mail dates when available.

Pursuant to 577.11, GM will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs completed on or before ten days after the owner mailing is completed, according to the plan submitted on May 23, 2013.

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 14030.

Sincerely,

M. Carmen Benavides, Director

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## 573.6(c)(2),(3),(4)

# VEHICLES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY MAKE, MODEL, AND MODEL YEAR PLUS INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE

|             |               | INCLUSIVE   |           |            |               |                      |             |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
|             | MODEL         | MODEL       | NUMBER    |            | JRING DATES   | DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO | EST. NO.    |
| <u>MAKE</u> | <u>SERIES</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | INVOLVED  | (FROM)     | ( <u>TO</u> ) | PROPERLY IDENT. VEH. | W/CONDITION |
| Chevrolet   | RV            | 2009        | 74,332    | 06/06/2008 | 07/30/2009    | Traverse             | *           |
| Chevrolet   | RV            | 2010        | 82,719    | 05/01/2009 | 06/04/2010    | Traverse             | "           |
| Chevrolet   | RV            | 2011        | 128,819   | 04/15/2010 | 06/24/2011    | Traverse             | n           |
| Chevrolet   | RV            | 2012        | 117,452   | 04/12/2011 | 10/04/2012    | Traverse             | "           |
| Chevrolet   | RV            | 2013        | 62,891    | 08/06/2012 | 05/30/2013    | Traverse             | "           |
|             |               |             | ,         |            |               |                      |             |
| Buick       | RV            | 2008        | 30,292    | 01/23/2007 | 07/18/2008    | Enclave              | "           |
| Buick       | RV            | 2009        | 37,028    | 04/14/2008 | 06/19/2009    | Enclave              | "           |
| Buick       | RV            | 2010        | 48,102    | 04/22/2009 | 06/04/2010    | Enclave              | ,,          |
| Buick       | RV            | 2011        | 69,869    | 04/15/2010 | 06/24/2011    | Enclave              | "           |
| Buick       | RV            | 2012        | 70,051    | 04/20/2011 | 10/04/2012    | Enclave              | "           |
| Buick       | RV            | 2013        | 38,531    | 08/07/2012 | 05/30/2013    | Enclave              | ),          |
|             |               |             |           |            |               |                      |             |
| GMC         | RV            | 2008        | 37,603    | 04/19/2007 | 07/18/2008    | Acadia               | 1)          |
| GMC         | RV            | 2009        | 44,644    | 04/15/2008 | 06/19/2009    | Acadia               | "           |
| GMC         | RV            | 2010        | 56,769    | 04/22/2009 | 06/04/2010    | Acadia               | 1)          |
| GMC         | RV            | 2011        | 87,546    | 04/15/2010 | 06/24/2011    | Acadia               | 1)          |
| GMC         | RV            | 2012        | 102,991   | 04/12/2011 | 10/04/2012    | Acadia               | 17          |
| GMC         | RV            | 2013        | 53,598    | 08/08/2012 | 05/30/2013    | Acadia               | H           |
|             |               |             |           |            |               |                      |             |
| Saturn      | RV            | 2008        | 15,075    | 04/10/2007 | 07/18/2008    | Outlook              | 11          |
| Saturn      | RV            | 2009        | 14,461    | 04/14/2008 | 06/19/2009    | Outlook              | 1)          |
| Saturn      | RV            | 2010        | 3,634     | 04/22/2009 | 03/18/2010    | Outlook              | ,,          |
|             | GM Total:     |             | 1,176,407 |            |               |                      |             |

<sup>\*</sup> All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

Vehicles repaired as part of Customer Satisfaction Campaign 10085 and special coverage 10335 have already had the subject condition repaired and therefore are not included in the safety recall.

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## 573.6(c)(2)(iv):

The manufacturers of the subject wiring harness are:

## Model years 2008 - 2012

Hamlin Electronics 612 East Lake St. Lake Mills, WI 53551 (920) 648-2311 Country of origin: Will be supplemented.

### Model year 2013

Yazaki North America Inc. 6801 Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734) 983-4234 Country of origin: Nicaragua.

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