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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

Re: NHTSA Notification Campaign No. 14V-213

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This letter supersedes General Motors' letter of April 24, 2014, and is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 as it applies to a determination by General Motors of a safety defect for some 2015 model year heavy duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles equipped with a diesel engine (LML) and dual fuel tanks (N2N). Specifically, the information submitted pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(6) and 573.6(c)(8) below supersedes information included in General Motors' letter of April 24, 2014.

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 some 2015 model year heavy duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles equipped with a diesel engine (LML) and dual fuel tanks (N2N). The fuel pipe tube nuts on each side of the diesel fuel transfer pump may not have been properly torqued. Diesel fuel may leak at the fuel transfer pump if there is fuel in the rear tank and the transfer pump activates to transfer fuel to the forward fuel tank. If there is fuel leakage and an ignition source is present, a fire could occur.

<u>573.6(c)(6)</u>: This chronology describes the principal events relating to GM's April 17, 2014, determination to issue a recall related to some 2015 model year heavy duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles equipped with a diesel engine and dual fuel tanks.

GM's diesel Chassis Cab dual tank trucks are the only GM trucks that use an external fuel pump with tube nut fittings to transfer fuel from the rear to the front fuel tank. This is because diesel engines use a suction diesel fuel system. There is no fuel pump in the diesel fuel tanks.

On February 26, 2014, the condition (in which a tube nut was reported to be finger tight) was first identified at Flint Assembly Plant during a new model start-up. Product Investigations was notified the same day and 112 vehicles were placed on hold at the Flint Assembly Plant for an in plant repair which consisted of applying the correct torque to the



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tube nuts. On February 26, 2014, a stop delivery was sent to dealers for 59 vehicles (51 US & 8 Canadian). Further investigation revealed that a supplier's assembly station was set to an incorrect torque value for the tube nut.

Initially, an evaluation was made to determine whether a service update bulletin could be issued for the held vehicles because there would have been no fuel present in the rear tank, and no risk of a fuel leak. However, on April 14, 2014, it was subsequently discovered that some of the vehicles had been delivered and a safety recall was necessary.

The Issue was presented to the Field Performance Evaluation Review Committee on April 14, 2014, and on April 17, 2014, the Executive Field Action Decision Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

573.6(c)(8): Dealers are to tighten the tube nuts to proper torque.

General Motors sent the dealer bulletin on May 7, 2014, and anticipates mailing the owner letters the week of May 19, 2014.

Pursuant to 577.11, General Motors 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): General Motors will provide the dealer bulletin and owner letter under separate cover.

573.6(c)(11): General Motors' assigned recall number is 14067.

Sincerely,

Brian Latouf, Director

Field Product Investigations & Evaluations

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

<u>MAKE</u>	MODEL SERIES	MODEL <u>YEAR</u>	NUMBER INVOLVED	INCLU MANUFACTU (FROM)		DESCRIPTIVE INFO. TO PROPERLY IDENT. VEH.	EST. NO. W/CONDITION
Chevrolet	C/K	2015	38	02/11/2014	02/19/2014	Silverado HD Crew	*
GMC	C/K	2015	13	02/11/2014	02/19/2014	Sierra HD Crew	35
	GM Total:		51				

^{*} All involved vehicles will be corrected as necessary.

573.6(c)(2)(iv): Martinrea Industries, Inc.

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The fuel pipe tube assembly is manufactured in U.S.A.

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