

**2025MY Sorento PHEV
Fuel Line
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

November 26, 2024	<p>Kia Corporation (Kia HQ) informs Kia North America (Kia NA) Safety Office of its New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) frontal crash test results involving the 2026MY Sorento. This developmental test was conducted in preparation for certain changes to the 2026MY Sorento vehicles which are not yet in production. Kia HQ provides the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During testing of the Sorento Plug-In Hybrid (PHEV) equipped with Rack-Mounted Motor Driven Power Steering (R-MDPS), the subframe was displaced causing the steering rack to contact and damage the fuel line, leading to a fuel leak. • Kia HQ confirms issue does not affect the Sorento PHEV vehicles equipped with Column-Mounted Motor Driven Power Steering (C-MDPS), the Sorento or Sorento Hybrid (HEV) vehicles. • 2025MY subframe is the same subframe that will be used in 2026MY vehicle.
November 27, 2024— December 3, 2024	Kia NA Safety Office reviews information provided by Kia HQ and conducts field data analysis. Kia NA Safety Office identifies no field incidents related to this condition.
December 3, 2024	Kia NA decides to recall certain 2025MY Sorento PHEV vehicles equipped with R-MDPS as a precautionary measure. No crashes, injuries, fatalities or fires.