



June 7, 2007

Ms. Christina Morgan, Chief  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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NVS-217ph  
DI07-044

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This is General Motors' (GM) response to your inquiry dated May 7, 2007 regarding certain death and injury incidents reported by GM in its light vehicle early warning report from 4th quarter of 2006.

GM's response is comprised of 29 CDs for the incidents that are the subject of DI07-044.

Attachment "A" includes instructions for navigating the CD. Each CD, on its face, is identified by the NHTSA Sequence ID number, the Manufacturer's Unique ID number and the year, make and model of the vehicle involved in the incident, e.g., 256 210873110 - 625130 and 2004 Chevrolet Suburban 1500. When the CD is launched, this identification number appears again along with all of the documents (including photographs and videos) on the CD listed under "Filename." The first document listed under Filename is an index with the Request and Responses, e.g., identified as 256 210873110 - 625130 **\_00\_Request and Responses**. The index is numbered 1 through 3 to correspond to Inquiries 1 through 3, which are repeated verbatim below. The index also details whether any documents responsive to each inquiry were located.

For example, the first two Inquiries and Responses in the index for the CD are as follows:

DI07-044  
256 210873110 - 625130  
2004 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 1500

Request for Information:

1. Provide a complete copy of the initial claim or notice document(s) that notified GM of the incident, excluding: (a) medical documents and bills, except those showing the cause of death or injury; (b) property damage invoices or estimates; and (c) documents related to damages.

Response: See Attached Document.

2. Provide a copy of the Police Accident Report.

Response: See Attached Document.

The remaining documents listed under Filename, reference the Manufacturer's Unique ID number along with the responsive Inquiry number. For example:

- 256 210873110 - 625130 **\_01\_1** - is the first document responsive to Inquiry no. 1.  
256 210873110 - 625130 **\_02\_1** - is the first document responsive to Inquiry no. 2.

Your inquiries and our corresponding replies are as follows:

1. Provide a complete copy of the initial claim or notice document(s) that notified GM of the incident, excluding: (a) medical documents and bills, except those showing the cause of death or injury; (b) property damage invoices or estimates; and (c) documents related to damages.

Response: See Attached Document.

The table below lists the incidents that are the subject of DI07-044, by Reporting Category, Sequence ID, VIN and type of notice received by GM (as "notice" is commonly used, not as it is defined by 49 C.F.R. §579.4(c)). Incidents reported on GM's Early Warning Report Death and Injury worksheet fall into four categories: Lawsuit (LIT), NISM (Not In Suit Matters), Product Allegation Resolution (PAR), or Rumor (RMR). Lawsuit and NISM case types generally meet the §579.4(c) definition of "claim." PAR cases, in this context, refer to customer contacts in which an injury or fatality is alleged to have occurred as a result of a product defect, and are accompanied by a writing that may or may not meet the §579.4(c) definition of "claim" or "notice." Rumor incidents do *not* involve a written or verbal, implied or express allegation of a defect by a customer. Rather, rumor cases generally refer to incidents that GM learned of through the media, which were subsequently investigated further. As such, the document included in response to Inquiry 1 that can be found on the enclosed CD for the PAR and Rumor case listed in the table, may not be a claim or notice of the type generally defined as such by §579.4(c).

<i>(26 Vehicles from the Light Vehicle Template)</i>		
SEQUENCE ID	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)	TYPE
30	1G6DP577770107881	NISM
40	1G6KD54Y05U185793	NISM
88	1G1AK52F657565454	RUMOR
91	1G1AK52F957604280	RUMOR
103	1G1AL15F877158420	NISM
116	1GNFG15T851205704	LIT
135	2G1WH52K349385234	NISM
137	2G1WH52K249216628	NISM
140	2G1WF52E159355280	LIT
155	1G1ND52J83M524239	NISM
221	2GCEC19T041107821	LIT
244	1GCHK29U23E306493	LIT
246	1GCHK23225F900750	LIT
256	1GNFK16T74J239113	LIT
257	3GNFK16T64G313428	RUMOR
273	1GNEC13V74J269971	LIT
274	1GNEC13TX5R108595	LIT
285	1GNDS13S822427780	LIT
295	1GNDT13S542353931	RUMOR
345	1GTEC14T74Z155041	LIT
360	1GKEC16Z14R309863	LIT
368	5GTDN136468106799	RUMOR
401	1G2ZG58B574135701	NISM
424	2G2WP552661242984	RUMOR
436	1G8AJ52F14Z167768	LIT
439	1G8AJ55F96Z101063	NISM