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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

November 17, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MR. KENNETH BUSH
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORP.
P.O. BOX 1100
BREA, CA 92622-1100

NVS-215kjs
05V-566

Dear Mr. Bush:

American Suzuki Motor Corporation (Suzuki) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 05V-566 who have not had their motorcycles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 23,839 MY 2005 and 2006 VL800 and VZ800 motorcycles; the ignition switch wiring harness may have been improperly routed. Owner notification began on January 6, 2006. In Suzuki's sixth reporting quarter, Suzuki reports that of the 23,839 motorcycles involved, 12,056 have not been remedied.

Suzuki should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

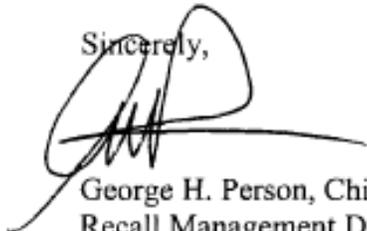
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Suzuki should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Suzuki's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Suzuki is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Suzuki's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 16, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, richard.willard@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement