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Ms. Nancy Lewis  
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Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
Room W48-302  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. The subject vehicles in dealer inventory have been placed on hold. Nissan plans to begin notifying owners beginning on August 12, 2013.

We will not include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as the subject vehicles are under warranty.

Very truly,



Donald Neff  
Manager,  
Technical Compliance

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## **DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Mexicana, S.A, De C.V.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain 2014 Model year Nissan Versa Note vehicles manufactured from April 23, 2013 (start of production for the U.S. market) through July 3, 2013.

Other Nissan vehicles and Nissan Versa Note vehicles manufactured after these dates are not affected because the components subject to this recall are unique to this vehicle in this production range.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 7,707 Model year 2014 Nissan Versa Note vehicles.

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

On some of the potentially affected vehicles, the lower body sill bolts may not have been torqued to the proper specification, and, in rare instances, are missing. If the bolts are missing, it may affect the vehicle rear impact performance.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

June 2013 - Nissan received a dealer report of a vehicle with a rear sill bolt missing. Nissan immediately initiated an investigation into this issue which included a yard audit and an assessment of the effect of this issue on vehicle performance.

July 2013 - Nissan issued a dealer inventory inspection to check the presence of the lower sill bolts and verify their torque. The inspection results indicated that some vehicles in dealer inventory had the lower body sill bolts that may not have been torqued to the proper specification, and a small number of vehicles had one of the lower sill bolts missing.

July 16, 2013 – Based on inspection results and engineering analyses, Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and a recall campaign will be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

The rear body sill bolts will be checked, and if necessary, tightened to the proper torque specification at no charge for parts and labor. The affected vehicles in dealer inventory have already been placed on hold.

Nissan plans to begin affected owner notification on August 12, 2013.

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.