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Safety Advocates & Jeep Burn Victims to Meet With NHTSA Administrator Strickland Today
Change.org Petitioner Jenelle Embrey to Present Over 128,000 Petitions
Former NHTSA Administrator Joan Claybrook to Discuss Pinto Remedy Crash Tests
CAS to Present Analysis Debunking Chrysler Crash Analysis & Trailer Hitch Remedy
Ana Pina, Cherokee Burn Victim, Calls for Broader Recall

NHTSA Administrator David Strickland will meet with the above safety advocates and Jeep burn victims to discuss the change.org petition and the Jeep recall. NHTSA will be asked to address the following questions:

- a) Will NHTSA subject the recalled 1993-98 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2002-08 Liberty to the new FMVSS 301 Test Procedure as it did for the Pinto in 1978?
- b) How can a trailer hitch protect the fuel tank when a Chrysler Executive Vice President for Vehicle Engineering says it does not protect the fuel tank?
- c) How many crashes resulting in death and injury have occurred with vehicles having a trailer hitch as in Cassidy Jarmon's crash death?
- d) What is a low energy crash and a high energy crash – which of the 44 fatal fire crashes identified by NHTSA in its recall request to Chrysler were low energy and which were high energy?
- e) In what types of crashes in terms of impact speed and conditions will the trailer hitch provide protection?
- f) Why weren't the 1999-2004 Grand Cherokees included in the recall?
- g) Why weren't the 1993-2001 Cherokees included in the voluntary recall request?
- h) None of the FHWA or Center for Auto Safety Jeep crash test suffered a fuel tank rupture or breachment with a 3 mm steel skid plate. Since Chrysler makes the plate available, would NHTSA recommend consumers install one?
- i) What will NHTSA do in its continued investigation of the Jeep Cherokee, Grand Cherokee and Liberty?
- j) What assurance does the public have that the Jeeps included in the defect investigation are safe if NHTSA does not crash test them as it did with the Ford Pinto?

Following the meeting, participants will be available for questions outside NHTSA headquarters at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE at 11:30 AM.

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Below is a photograph that shows what Ana looked like prior to the early morning January 14th, 2012.



