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RE: Confidentiality Determination/EA02-027

Dear Mr. Fabien:

This is in response to your letter dated April 14, 2003, in which you request an extension of time to file Ford Motor Company's (Ford) confidentiality request with respect to the materials submitted to the agency by Ford on April 2, 2003. Specifically, you state, "given the large volume of documents, particularly those contained on CD-Rom, [you] are requesting that NHTSA provide [you] with 120 days to revise and resubmit [your] confidential submission."

On April 24, 2003, Dave Ott, Ford's engineer had a telephone conversation with Thomas Cooper and his staff concerning the extension of time requested by Ford. The parties agreed that Ford would submit the confidentiality request for these materials on or before July 31, 2003.

Should the agency not receive Ford's request for confidential treatment for these materials by July 31, 2003, the agency will be at liberty to place these materials in the public docket.

Sincerely,

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