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> RE: Confidentiality Determination ODI Investigation No: EA02-031

Dear Parshall:

This is in response to your letter dated April 15, 2003, in which you request confidential treatment for the following materials: Engineering Drawings, Product Requirements, Product Specifications, Test Plans, Test Procedures, FMEA's PFMEA's and Quality Control Plans. These materials were submitted in response to an information request from the agency.

Because the information was required to be submitted to the agency under the above matter, we reviewed your claim for confidential treatment under the test announced in *National Parks & Conservation Ass'n v. Morton*, 498 F.2d 765 (D.C. Cir. 1974) and its progeny. Under that test information is confidential if its disclosure is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the submitter or to impair the government's ability to collect the information in the future.

We have reviewed the materials and your arguments including the affidavit submitted pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 512. We determined that the materials satisfy the *National Parks* test and are entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), because disclosure of the materials is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to your company or because disclosure may impair the agency's ability to obtain similar information in the future. The materials will be protected for an indefinite period of time.

Notwithstanding this grant of confidential treatment, the information may be disclosed under the various provisions set forth in 49 U.S.C. § 30167 and 49 C.F.R. Part 512. You will be notified prior to any such release of information.

Sincerely,

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