

Ford Motor Company

Automotive Safety Office
Environmental and Safety Engineering

May 13, 2005

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

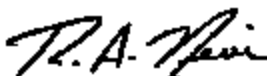
Subject: PE03-044:NVS-213dsy

Two copies of documents for which Ford Motor Company (Ford) is withdrawing its July 14, 2004 Petition for Reconsideration of NHTSA's Denial of Confidential Treatment of Documents Submitted in Response to PE03-044 are attached.

As you know, following numerous discussions with agency personnel concerning the confidentiality request processes used by Ford and the agency, Ford has revised its processes to facilitate the agency's review of confidentiality requests. Therefore, Ford decided to re-examine and categorize the documents submitted with its December 9, 2004 request for confidentiality and July 14, 2004 Petition for Reconsideration in accordance with the revised processes. On May 13, 2005, Ford submitted an amended request for confidential treatment covering a subset of those documents for which it originally requested confidentiality. Two copies of the documents for which Ford has decided to withdraw its July 14, 2004 request for confidential treatment are resubmitted, with this letter, as a supplement to Appendix I of its December 2, 2003 response. These documents are being resubmitted without a request for confidentiality in response to Request 9.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

