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Mr. Stephan J. Speth, Director  
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
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Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757

Dear Mr. Speth:

This letter is to acknowledge your request for an extension to PE04-039 Investigation.

Based on the information you provided, the due date for your response has been extended  
to June 21, 2004.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Quandt, Chief  
Vehicle Control Division  
Office of Defects Investigation



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May 4, 2004

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Mr. Jeffrey L. Quandt  
Chief, Vehicle Control Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Quandt:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation has just recently received your information request, dated April 23, 2004, regarding a Preliminary Evaluation (PE04-039) affecting 2003 through 2004 Dodge Ram 2500 and 3500 pickup trucks equipped with automatic transmissions. Based upon a review of the content of the request, as well as the fact that DaimlerChrysler received the request via mail on a Friday one week after its signature date, we will be unable to meet the requested submission date of June 7, 2004. By this letter we are requesting an extension of two weeks, which would allow for submission of the completed request on June 21, 2004. Your prompt consideration of this proposal is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Stephan J. Speth