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400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5219  
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**Re: Request for Reconsideration: Denial of Confidential Treatment  
Confidentiality Determination PE05-029/NVS-213car**

Dear Mr. Matheke:

This is in response to your letter dated December 23, 2005, in which you denied Toyota's request for confidential treatment of Attachment 11 for response to the Office of Defect Investigation inquiry regarding the Toyota Prius. Toyota respectfully requests reconsideration of your decision.

Toyota had claimed that the information contained in Attachment 11 of our submission to your agency's inquiry was confidential, specifically the detailed engineering information on the Hybrid Vehicle system, strategy, fail-safe, and performance requirements.

Toyota believes that the release of this confidential material would aid Toyota's competitors in learning details of Toyota's design and specification for the Hybrid Vehicle system. Disclosure of this information would be likely to result in competitive harm.

Toyota incorrectly marked only the first page of the attachment as confidential, and is resubmitting a properly marked attachment, as well as a properly redacted version, with this request. All pages of Attachment 11 were intended to be submitted as confidential, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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We ask for your reconsideration of the denial of confidential treatment for this material. If you determine that this material should be held confidential, we ask that you hold the release of the material permanently. If you have any questions about this request for reconsideration, please contact Mr. Kevin Ro or Mr. Chris Santucci at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.



Chris Tinto  
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