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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Subject: PE07-025PIR:NVS-212pco

The Ford Motor Company (Ford) response to the agency's May 18, 2007, peer vehicle information request concerning allegations of failure, tearing, bending or loosening of the trailer hitch receiver on 2002 through 2003 F150/250 and Navigator/Expedition/Excursion vehicles is attached. We understand these vehicles are being used as a peer comparator in the agency's investigation PE07-025.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James P. Vondale

Attachment

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Mr. Thomas Z. Cooper, Chief Vehicle Integrity Division (NVS-212, Rm W46-409) NHTSA, Office of Defects Investigation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: NVS-212pco; PE07-025PIR

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This letter is being sent in response to your May 18, 2007 letter regarding PE07-025, a peer vehicle inquiry. Enclosed you will find the complete response and a CD-ROM with the attachments. Two copies of these materials are being provided for your convenience.

Please note that portions of "Attachment Response 5-1" are identified as confidential and a request for confidential treatment has been made to the Office of Chief Counsel. Copies of the attachments with all confidential information removed are included in hard copy with this response. Copies of the attachments with the confidential information included have been sent to the Office of Chief Counsel. Should you have any questions about this response, please contact Mr. Chris Santucci of my staff at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

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