From: Cooper, Thomas <NHTSA>
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 9:54 AM

**To:** 'Jan.Urbahn@bmwna.com' **Cc:** Abbott, John < NHTSA >

Subject: RE: Extension request for PE08-031

Hi Jan,

BMW's request for an extension to reply to ODI's information request letter dated May 7 is granted. The original reply due date of June 24 is extended to July 8.

Regards,

## **Tom Cooper**

Chief, Vehicle Integrity Division Office of Defects Investigation

**From:** Jan.Urbahn@bmwna.com [mailto:Jan.Urbahn@bmwna.com]

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 11:38 AM

**To:** Cooper, Thomas < NHTSA>

Subject: Extension request for PE08-031

Dear Tom,

BMW's response to PE08-031 regarding the Mini-Tailpipe was due on June 24, 2008. I want to respectfully ask you if you could please extend the time for the response in this case to July 8, 2008.

The reason for the delay is that BMW is currently working on answering three IR-letters from NHTSA-ODI simultaneously. This represents an unprecedented situation for BMW, never before had BMW to reply to more than one IR-letter at the same time. Especially the warranty and production data information has to be prepared by the same persons for all three cases. BMW tried to train a new person for the task, but the person could not get familiar with the IT systems fast enough to contribute.

BMW tries hard to answer your information request in time, at the same time we want to work with the necessary diligence to provide you with the correct information.

Therefore I hope you can extend the due date in this case to July 8, 2008.

Regards, Jan Urbahn

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