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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Subject: August 2, 2010 Meeting between NHTSA and Mazda

Date: August 3, 2010

From: Larry Hershman *LH*

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After receiving an IR letter from ODI, Mazda requested a meeting with ODI to discuss PE10021 involving loss of power steering on MY 2007-2009 Mazda3 and Mazda5 vehicles. Mazda staff met with ODI staff at DOT HQ yesterday and delivered IR responses. Included with Mazda's submissions were confidential submissions to be conveyed to NHTSA's Office of the Chief Counsel.

David Robertson, Group Manager, ESE & PT, Mazda North America Operations, made the presentation for the Mazda team in attendance (see list below). Mr. Robertson discussed the background of the matter and Mazda's actions and proposed actions and rationales thereof. NHTSA staff conveyed that they could not provide any determination or judgment at this point prior to conducting a thorough investigation of the matter.

Attendees:

Mazda

David Robertson, Group Manager, ESE & PT, Mazda North America Operations  
Keigo Higaki, Engineer, Vehicle Safety Regulation, Mazda North America Operations  
Daniel Ryan, Manager, Government and Safety Affairs, Mazda North America Operations  
Toshiharu Ishii, Gen. Manager, Product Quality Dept., Quality Div., Mazda Motor Corporation  
Mitsuhide Kikkawa, Mgr., Vehicle Regulation & U.S. Certification Group, Environmental & Safety  
Engineering Department, R&D Technical Administration Division, Mazda Motor Corporation  
Kunihiko Okajima, Manager, Steering & Engine Mount Systems, Development Gr., Chassis  
Development Dept., Mazda Motor Corporation

NHTSA

Richard Boyd, Acting Director, ODI  
Scott Yon, Division Chief, Vehicle Integrity Div., ODI  
Larry Hershman, Vehicle Integrity Division, ODI  
Chris Lash, Vehicle Control Division, ODI  
Mike Lee, Vehicle Integrity Division, ODI