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Re: Confidentiality Determination / EA11-001.01

Dear Mr. Dillon:

This responds to your September 28, 2011 request for confidential treatment for Ford Motor Company ("Ford") information submitted in response to a request from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI). Specifically, Ford requests confidential treatment for its engineering design specifications, test procedures, and test specifications. Ford requests confidential treatment for this information for a period of ten (10) years.

Your request is granted.

I have reviewed your submission, including the materials that you claim are entitled to confidential treatment and the arguments that you assert in support of your claims. While I have not reached a conclusion regarding each individual argument that you assert, I conclude that these materials for which you requested confidentiality are entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4).

This grant of confidential treatment is subject to certain conditions. The information may be disclosed under 49 CFR § 512.22 based upon newly discovered or changed facts, and you must inform the agency of any changed circumstances that may affect the protection of the information (49 CFR § 512.10). If necessary, you will be notified prior to the release of any information under the procedures established by our regulations (49 CFR § 512.22(b)).

Furthermore, this information may be disclosed if such disclosure would be in the public interest, pursuant to the procedures established in 49 C.F.R. § 512.23.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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