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Mr. Frank S. Borris, Director  
Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W45-302  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Borris:

Subject: PE13-018:NVS 213dlr

The Ford Motor Company (Ford) response to Request 8 of the Agency's June 27, 2013 letter concerning reports of alleged reduced engine power during hard acceleration in 2011 through 2013 model year Ford F-150 vehicles with the 3.5L GTDI engine is provided in the enclosed compact discs. In an August 9, 2013 email, Mr. Derek Rinehardt of the Agency granted Ford's request for an extension of time until August 23 to respond to this request.

Request 8

Describe all assessments, analyses, tests, test results, studies, surveys, simulations, investigations, inquiries and/or evaluations (collectively, "actions") that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles that have been conducted, are being conducted, are planned, or are being planned by, or for, Ford. For each such action, provide the following information:

- a. Action title or identifier;
- b. The actual or planned start date;
- c. The actual or expected end date;
- d. Brief summary of the subject and objective of the action;
- e. Engineering group(s)/supplier(s) responsible for designing and for conducting the action; and
- f. A brief summary of the findings and/or conclusions resulting from the action.

For each action identified, provide copies of all documents related to the action, regardless of whether the documents are in interim, draft, or final form. Organize the documents chronologically by action.

Answer

Ford is construing this request broadly and is providing not only studies, surveys, and investigations related to the alleged defect, but also notes, correspondence, and other communications that were located pursuant to a diligent search for the requested information. Ford is providing the responsive non-confidential Ford documentation in Appendix G.

To the extent that the information requested is available, it is included in the documents provided. If the agency should have questions concerning any of the documents, please advise.

Ford is submitting additional responsive documentation in Appendix H with a request for confidentiality under separate cover to the Agency's Office of the Chief Counsel pursuant to 49 CFR Part 512. Redacted copies of the confidential documents will be provided under separate cover, on separate media, to the Agency's Office of Chief Counsel as Appendix H – Redacted.

Ford is not producing documents responsive to this request that are protected from disclosure by attorney-client privilege, work-product doctrine, or other applicable immunity. Documents protected from disclosure on these bases are described in a privilege log contained in Appendix I.

In the interest of ensuring a timely and meaningful submission, Ford is not producing materials or items containing little or no substantive information. Examples of the types of materials not being produced are meeting notices, raw data lists (such as part numbers or VINs) without any analytical content, duplicate copies, non-responsive elements of responsive materials, and draft electronic files for which later versions of the materials are being submitted. Through this method, Ford is seeking to provide the Agency with substantive responsive materials in our possession in the timing set forth for our response. We believe our response meets this goal. If the Agency would like additional materials, please advise.

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

Sincerely,

for Steven M. Kenner

Attachment

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APPENDIX I

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PRIVILEGE LOG**

**APPENDIX I**

<b>Bates Range</b>	<b>Document Type</b>	<b>Document Author(s)</b>	<b>Document Recipient(s)</b>	<b>Document cc's</b>	<b>Document Date</b>	<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Privilege (Basis of Claim)</b>
PE13-018 011142-011143	Email	Jay Logel, Office of the General Counsel, Attorney	(1) Kevin Ricks, Ford Employee; (2) Bill Ronzi, Ford Employee; (3) Scot McDonagh, Ford Employee; (4) Glen Wagner, Ford Employee; (5) Craig Smith, Ford Employee; (6) Joseph Whitehead, Ford Employee; (7) Dan Dobbs, Ford Employee; (8) Douglas Sparks, Ford Employee; (9) Rick Nowaczyk, Ford Employee; (10) Mark Dixon, Ford Employee; (11) Kevin Oyafuso, Ford Employee	(1) Greg Oswald, Ford Employee; (2) David Gregoricka, Ford Employee	2/20/2013	E-mail correspondence between Ford's Office of the General Counsel and Ford Employees providing legal advice. Produced in redacted form.	Attorney Client Privilege
PE13-018 015200-015247	Email with attachment	(1) Craig Halseth, Office of the General Counsel, Attorney; (2) Erik Andersen, Ford Employee	(1) Erik Andersen, Ford Employee; (2) Craig Halseth, Office of the General Counsel, Attorney	(1) Todd Fronckowiak, Ford Employee; (2) Jeanette Madej, Ford Employee	(1) 05/14/13; (2) 05/15/13	(1) E-mail correspondence between Ford's Office of the General Counsel and Ford Employee regarding a legal claim; (2) E-mail correspondence between Ford employee and Ford's Office of the General Counsel requesting legal advice. Produced in redacted form.	Attorney Client Privilege/Attorney Work Product