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RQ14-001

Re: Confidentiality Determination/May 15, 2014 Presentation,
Supplemental Information, SRS VOQS

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This responds to your May 15, 2014 request for confidential treatment for American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (Honda) presentation materials presented during a May 15, 2014 meeting with representatives of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Defect Investigations (ODI) regarding SRS VOQS. Honda requests that the information be granted confidential treatment for an indefinite period of time.

Your request is granted.

Honda provided this information voluntarily. Accordingly, I have reviewed your request under the principles set forth in *Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm'n*, 975 F.2d 871 (D.C.Cir.1992). Under the test set forth in *Critical Mass*, financial or commercial information provided to the government on a voluntary basis is "confidential" for purposes of Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)) if it is the kind of information that would customarily not be released to the public by the submitter. Your request indicates that the information contained in the materials you submitted is information that Honda would not customarily release to the public. Review of the information indicates that it is not publicly available. Accordingly, I am granting your request for confidential treatment to the information contained in your submission.

Subject to the conditions below, this grant will remain in effect indefinitely.

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). Furthermore, this information may be disclosed if such

disclosure would be in the public interest, pursuant to the procedures established in 49 CFR § 512.23. 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)).

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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