

Ford Motor Company

Automotive Safety Office
Environmental and Safety Engineering

April 26, 2005

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

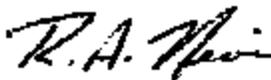
Subject: RQ04-011:NVS-212pc0

Two copies of documents for which Ford Motor Company (Ford) is withdrawing its December 15, 2004 request for confidential treatment are attached.

As you may know, following numerous discussions with agency personnel concerning the confidentiality request processes used by Ford and the agency, Ford has revised its processes to facilitate the agency's review of confidentiality requests. Our initial confidentiality request was not consistent with our revised processes. Therefore, Ford decided to re-examine and categorize the documents submitted with its December 15, 2004 request for confidentiality in accordance with the revised processes. On April 14, 2005, Ford submitted an amended request for confidential treatment covering a subset of those documents for which it originally requested confidentiality. Two copies of the documents for which Ford has decided to withdraw its December 15, 2004 request for confidential treatment are attached. These documents are being resubmitted without a request for confidentiality in response to Request 8.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



R. A. Nevi
Assistant Director
Global Automotive Safety Compliance

Attachment

