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Re: Request for modification of confidential treatment (PE10-031)

Dear Mr. Dillon:

On September 30, 2011, we received a submission from Paul V. Sheridan requesting that NHTSA modify an existing grant of confidential treatment for engineering drawings submitted by Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) in the above referenced investigation. Chrysler submitted this information on October 15, 2010 accompanied by a request for confidential treatment. That request for confidential treatment was granted on March 31, 2011.

NHTSA's October 15, 2010 letter granted your request for confidential treatment on the basis that the engineering drawings in the submission are subject to the class determination for blueprints and engineering drawings found in Appendix B of 49 C.F.R. § 512. As you are aware, Appendix B creates a presumption that release of certain classes of information, including engineering drawings, would be likely to cause a submitter to suffer substantial competitive harm.

Section 512.22 of Part 512 establishes authority for NHTSA's Chief Counsel to modify a prior grant of confidential treatment under certain conditions, including, but not limited to, the passage of time or a finding that a confidentiality determination was erroneous. We are construing Mr. Sheridan's submission as a request that the Chief Counsel consider modification of the March 31, 2011 determination under § 512.22.

Before taking further action in response to Mr. Sheridan's request, we ask that Chrysler state its position regarding the potential release of these drawings. A copy of Mr. Sheridan's submission is enclosed for your review. We request that you respond by October 31, 2011.

After October 24, 2011, intend to make a determination on how to respond to Mr. Sheridan's request. If the Chief Counsel believes that an earlier determination of confidentiality should be modified, you will be notified in writing and provided with an opportunity to respond in not less than twenty working days from the date of receipt of notice of modification.
49 C.F.R. § 512.22(b).

Sincerely,



Otto G. Matheke, III
Senior Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Paul V. Sheridan