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Mr. Bart Pinson
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Marysville, Ohio 43040-9251

Re: Requesting additional time to test the capture efficiencies of Honda's E-coat systems (emission units K235 and K201) for VOC emissions limits.

Dear Mr. Pinson:

I have received and reviewed your letter dated February 7, 2007 requesting additional time to test the capture efficiencies of the E-coat systems (emission units K235 and K201) for VOC emission limits contained in the permit to install (PTI) and Title V by March 15, 2007 at Honda of America Mfg., Inc. - Marysville Auto Plant (Honda) located in Marysville, Ohio. I understand that PTI number 01-8782 was issued to Honda on April 27, 2004 which required that the performance testings for VOC shall be conducted 6 months after completion of construction and achievement of full operation (end of transition period) not to exceed one year after startup of this emissions unit. In the past, we approved verbally the time extensions to test the capture efficiencies. However, Honda was unable to conduct the required testing deadlines due to the difficulties associated with the testing of their E-coat systems. I understand that Honda is working with my staff to resolve the issues concerning testing the capture efficiencies of their E-coat lines. Honda is requesting additional time to conduct the required testing until such time a decision is made regarding the validity of testing the capture efficiencies of their E-coat lines.

Although failure to perform the testing by the required date of the PTI is a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit for emissions unit K235 and K201 and Ohio Revised Code 3704.05, Honda's request for additional time to test the capture efficiencies of their E-coat lines is acceptable to Ohio EPA. The Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) will exercise enforcement discretion in this matter, provided Honda complies with the following additional conditions:

1. This letter does not exempt Honda from maintaining compliance with any other applicable requirement.

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

By:  Date: 6-7-07

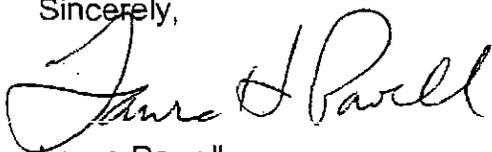
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2. In accordance with PTI number 01-8782, Honda is required, beginning with the fourth quarterly report of 2004 and the 2004 Title V Compliance Certification, to certify in writing that it did not comply with the testing requirements as required by the terms and conditions of this permit. This certification shall be sent to Central District Office as required by the permits. Until compliance has been demonstrated, Honda may annotate these reports by referencing this letter.

Ohio EPA will continue to work with Honda in order to resolve the E-coat capture efficiency issues. Once the issues have been resolved, Ohio EPA will decide what testing is needed and by when.

If Honda has any questions and/or comments concerning this letter, please contact Jennifer Carlin of the Central District Office (CDO) at 614-728-3807.

Sincerely,



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