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Subject: FW: Request for Confidential Interpretation - Form Energy

Hi Alice,

Please see the below interpretation requests.

Let us know if you need anything,

-Breanna

From: Joe Sowers <jsowers@formenergy.com>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 3:18 PM
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Hello!

I'm interested in speaking with the team that can help determine what kinds of drawings and specs will be required for an interpretation.

Please feel free to call me at 510-307-6217. Also, my mailing address is below.

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26 Iron Way,
Weirton, WV 26062

On Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 4:38 PM Joe Sowers <jsowers@formenergy.com> wrote:

Hello!

Form Energy is bringing to market a novel battery technology that will be deployed on the US electric grid. These batteries use a technology called "iron-air" and do not contain electrolyte until they are installed and commissioned.

I'm writing to inquire about a formal determination or LOI as to whether or not our batteries should be transported as hazmat. To my knowledge, we do not use any hazardous materials in the manufacturing of our batteries, so we are leaning towards considering our finished product as non-hazardous.

Our technology is trade secret, so we are sensitive to FOIA requests.

Please let me know what the appropriate next steps are.

Thank you for your help!

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