



March 11, 1997

To: Doug Roberts, Roberts Machine

From: Larry Richwine, Director,  
NTPA Technical Services

Re: Component Tractor Request

Dear Doug,

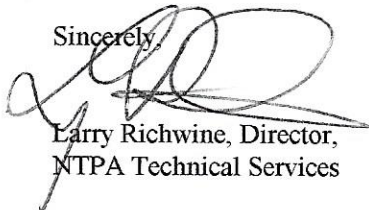
As Director of NTPA Technical Services it is my responsibility to inform you that after polling the NTPA Executive Board, the decision was made to deny your request for a variance to remove the clutch housing and the front of the transmission case to install a drop box, gear box and clutch can with a one piece frame.

Under the current rules, you will still be able to fabricate a one piece frame that the NTPA Executive Board feels would strengthen your entire tractor as well as reinforce the strength of the clutch housing for your John Deere tractor.

The current rule on page 48, number 12 in the 1997 Rule Book reads: "The clutch housing, transmission case, rearend housing, and axle housing must be OEM, with no aluminum replacements."

I do feel the time has come, as you do, that the power your generation of tractor develops warrants serious consideration for the component tractor. The NTPA Executive Board feels that Divisional Meetings in September of 1997 would be the correct time to make a major step forward in the development of rules and guidelines for the construction of the type vehicle you are requesting.

Sincerely,



Larry Richwine, Director,  
NTPA Technical Services

cc: NTPA Executive Board  
WPI Executive Board

