ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-165</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: April 5, 2004 Date Faxed/E-Mailed: April 7, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Ford Motor Company

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SUBJECT: 321,903 Ford 2001-2003 Escape sport utility vehicles equipped with 3.0L V6 engines and manufactured from January 31, 2000 through September 11, 2002. During decelerations at vehicle speeds below 40mph, the engine could stall due to excessively rich fuel-air mixtures being sent to the engine. *Ford's Recall No. 04S13*.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA02-027, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Owner notification is expected to begin on April 21, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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