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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-331 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: July 12, 2004

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SUBJECT: 1,395 Ford 2004 Ranger pickup trucks. The frame may have a center rail section flange that was not formed properly. In the event of a side impact crash, an improperly formed center rail section could potentially puncture the fuel tank, resulting in a fuel leak. Ford Recall No. 04S19.

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

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

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