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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-443 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 9, 2004** Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **September 17, 2004**

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SUBJECT: 1,689 Ford 2004 F150 trucks equipped with 4.2L, 4.6L, and 5.4L gasoline engines and manufactured from March 4, 2004 through June 21, 2004. The fuel tank may have a depression at the seam between the top and bottom halves of the tank. If a depression is large enough, fuel may permeate the fuel tank wall resulting in a fuel odor, illumination, of the "service engine soon" indicator light, or a fuel leak. Fuel leakage, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire. Ford Recall No. 04S21.

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, the recall is expected to begin September 20, 2004. Since this will be close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

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