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May 7, 2004

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Subject: Safety Recall 04V-106 / 04S12  
2000-2003 MY Taurus/Sable Brake Lamp Switch

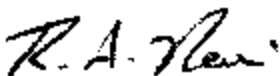
Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(8)(ii) and Part 573.13(c)(2)(i), Ford is notifying the agency that the schedule for phase mailing of owner letters and the ending date for reimbursement eligibility have been revised.

The Littlefuse manufacturing facility in Mexico, where the replacement brake lamp switches are produced, experienced torrential rain triggering flash flooding on April 5, 2004. This disaster occurred the same day the first phase of owner letters was mailed. Production of the switch was interrupted resulting in insufficient quantities to service all owners as scheduled. For this reason, the second and subsequent phase mailings of letters to owners are being delayed. Production at the manufacturing facility is back at full capacity now and the temporary parts shortage is over.

The second phase mailing began on April 28, 2004 and subsequent weekly mailings will occur during the months of May and June with completion expected by June 30, 2004.

The revised ending date for reimbursement eligibility for cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners per Ford's general reimbursement plan is July 10, 2004.

Sincerely,



J. P. Vondale

04S12 Revised Mail Date

