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Dear Mr. Moore:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Western Star Trucks, Inc.'s (Western Star) Noncompliance Information Report dated April 29, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves an 50 Western Star heavy duty trucks equipped with 15" (widths: 4" and 5") air-actuated Q-Plus cam brake equipped with Federal Mogul Friction Products 3030-197 brake lining (Meritor R201) brake linings and actuated with Type 20 air chambers x 5.5" slack adjusters. The affected brakes were installed predominantly in heavy truck front axle assemblies. These assemblies do not fully satisfy the test performance requirements of FMVSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." This condition could cause decreased braking effort. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 99V-082.001 (*Western Star Recall No. CXDE*).

Western Star is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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