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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO HWB VEHICLE

DATE: January 31, 2001

Two staff from the Hazardous Waste Bureau (Will Fetner and Steve Holmes) drove the bureau's 1995 Ford Bronco to the Denver area on Sunday, January 28, 2001 to attend a week-long waste characterization audit at the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site north of Golden, Colorado. During the drive up, they noted that the warning light for the anti-lock brake system activated intermittently and that there was a minor dragging sound coming from the front suspension. On Monday, while returning to their hotel from the audit, the Bronco's brakes showed greater indications of failure, and the left front wheel wobbled significantly. Staff was able to drive the vehicle back to the motel and then called me at home to report the problem.

We have determined that the vehicle needs to be repaired, and have identified an appropriate Ford dealership nearby where repairs can be made. We are in the process of obtaining an estimate of repair costs, and will issue an emergency purchase order once we determined the cost.

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