

## Neeley, Nick

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Nick,

In 2010, my 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche's brakes completely failed due to severe rusting of all the brake lines. Fortunately I was able to swerve out of traffic into an empty parking lot and no one was injured or killed. In 2012, I had to scrap my 10-year old truck with 50,000 miles on it because the frame rusted in half and was unsafe to use.

I used this vehicle for plowing and was on treated roads during storms and soon after road treatment is applied. I have owned plow trucks my entire life and have never experienced such severe and catastrophic frame and undercarriage rusting ever before. This type of rust damage has not only threatened my life and safety, but has cost me tens of thousands of dollars in repairs and expenses including having to replace my vehicle. My story is similar to many of my peers who have experienced similar safety and structural problems with their vehicles.

I would welcome an investigation to gauge the life-safety and cost-benefit analysis of using corrosive road treatment chemicals, versus less detrimental alternatives. Beyond automotive damage, I am also concerned about the impact of these chemicals into the groundwater and how they could impact well systems, and farmland adjacent to road drainage areas.

Best regards,  
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