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New Orleans District Compliance

4298 Elysian Fields Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70122

January 22, 1997

**WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-25**

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Charles Andrews, President  
Crescent Towing Co.  
1240 Patterson Road  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Mr. Andrews:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250), observed by a Food & Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of Crescent Towing Company, 1240 Patterson Road, New Orleans, Louisiana, conducted on January 9, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- 1) check valves missing at three threaded faucets supplying potable water at number 1 hydrant - 5" with threaded outlet, number 3 hydrant - 5/8" with threaded outlet and a 2" potable vessel water hydrant, number 11 hydrant - 5/8" with threaded outlet;
- 2) hydrants at location numbers 1-11, were not identified for their intended use;
- 3) cap and keeper chains are missing from hydrant outlets of potable water hydrant numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7;
- 4) control valves are leaking on potable water hydrant numbers 6 and 8;

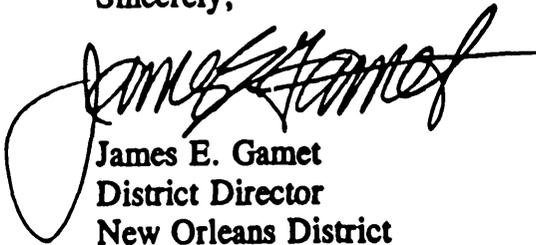
- 5) two 2 1/2" potable water supply hoses were noted having visible tears in outer surface in several locations along the length of both hoses.

Accordingly, we are classifying the watering point as **PROVISIONAL** for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for interstate carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing within ten (10) working days of actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Carolyn S. Olsen, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3848.

Sincerely,



James E. Gamet  
District Director  
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. Edward Pinner, Superintendent  
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