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WARNING LETTER

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MAR 19 1997

Ms. Jaqueline Piper, President
Ground Handling Inc.
Westchester County Airport
White Plains, NY 10604

Ref: 44-NYK-97

Dear Ms. Piper:

During a February 27 and March 4, 1997 inspection of your airline lavatory service area located at Westchester County Airport, White Plains, NY our investigator observed violations of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection our investigator presented to Mr. Francisco Leon, Ramp Supervisor, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA-483 (copy attached), and discussed findings. The following deviations were found:

Sewage Disposal/Location South Ramp

- Sewage is currently discharged from the lavatory truck into a manhole on the ramp while passengers and employees walk into the arrival building.
- The ground area around the manhole is not even to provide a smooth impervious floor sloped to the opening of the manhole.

Sewage Disposal Cleaning Facilities/Location - Ground Handling Equipment Bldg.

- The hose is not provided with a nozzle and water under pressure.

- The vacuum breaker is not situated on the discharge side of the last control valve, at least 6 inches above the highest point which the top of the waste conveyor tank will reach when in washing position.

Sewage Disposal Cleaning Facilities/Location - Fueling Area

- The waste tank cleaning facilities are located in the fueling area. The facility is not enclosed.

Lavatory Truck #0160

- The sewage hose on the lavatory truck was not attached to the dummy fitting provided while the truck was parked at the ground facility.
- The service hose was resting in the rear storage recess area. The storage recess area contained blue degerm solution, liquid sewage, and toilet tissue. Also there was no cap attached to the hose end.

Hydrant

- The hydrant area is not provided with a hydrant box.

The above violations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies which may exist. As a result of this inspection, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a period of thirty (30) days at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvement has not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct these violations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder are being met. You should notify this office in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 850 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, attention: Compliance Officer, William Friedrich.

Sincerely,


Diana Amador
Acting District Director

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