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WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-36

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gary Chouest
President
Edison Chouest Offshore
P.O. Box 309
Galliano, LA 70354

Dear Mr. Chouest:

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 and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your vessel watering point located at North American Shipbuilding, 800 Industrial Park, Larose, Louisiana, 70373, on March 21, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection include the following:

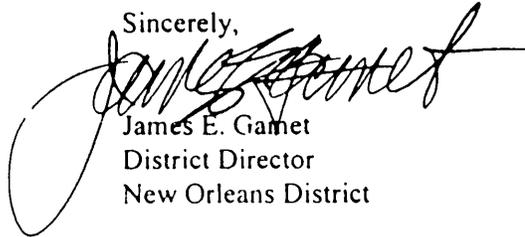
1. Check valves not installed on water supply lines located in line to the following hydrants:
 - a. Hydrant #1 - a 3/4" non-potable water hydrant with threaded outlet;
 - b. Hydrant #2 - a 1 1/2" potable water hydrant and a 3/4" non-potable water hydrant with threaded outlet;
 - c. Hydrant #3 - a 3/4" non-potable water hydrant with threaded outlet;
 - d. Hydrant #4 - a 1 1/2" potable water hydrant;
 - e. Hydrant #5 - a 1 1/2" potable water hydrant and a 3/4" non-potable water hydrant with threaded outlet.
2. Check valves not installed on water supply lines located in line to non-potable water hydrants #1 through #13 located on the dry dock;
3. Potable water hydrants #1 through #5 and non-potable water hydrants #1 through #13 are not labeled for their intended use;
4. Control valve not installed from 1 1/2" water supply line located in line to potable water hydrant #4;
5. Cap and keeper chain not installed on outlets of potable water hydrants #1 and #2.

Accordingly, we are classifying this 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 by April 30, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) 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 Nicole F. Hardin, 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. Lyman Martin
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