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**CERTIFIED MAIL
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In reply refer to Warning Letter SEA 97-14

Joe W. Morgan, Owner
Morgan Foods (dba Morgan Pickle Co.)
1825 E. 16th
Burley, Idaho 83318

WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted an inspection of your dry infant cereal manufacturing facility located at 1825 E. 16th, Burley, Idaho 83318, on 2/11/97. At the conclusion of that inspection, you were issued a Form FDA-483 (copy attached), which delineated a number of gross insanitary conditions present in your facility at the time of the inspection. These conditions cause the dry infant cereal to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4), (copy attached) of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), in that food was being held under insanitary conditions, whereby it may have been contaminated with filth.

The following is a partial list of the insanitary conditions observed by our investigator during the inspection.

1. Extensive rodent activity:
 - a). hundreds of rodent excreta pellets at all four corners of the cereal packaging room.
 - b). hundreds of rodent excreta pellets on unused equipment.
 - c). rodent tracks on floor of packaging room and in flour dust.
2. Insect activity inside the cereal packaging room:
 - a). hundreds of insect trails in flour dust along walls and on and under unused equipment inside the cereal packaging room.

During our inspection, you stated you do not use an outside pest control firm for rodent or insect control. You indicated process and warehouse areas are only cleaned on an as-needed basis. Our inspection has revealed that you have a serious rodent infestation and insect problem in your facility. It is your responsibility to have an effective, ongoing sanitation program for your facility which eliminates the insanitary conditions which we have observed to exist in your facility.

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The above identified deviations are not intended to be an all inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. As the owner, it is your responsibility to assure that your facility is operated in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. It is also your responsibility to assure not only that the current objectionable conditions are corrected but that adequate policies and procedures are implemented to prevent a recurrence of these problems.

You should take prompt measures to correct these deviations. Failure to promptly correct these deviations may result in regulatory action without further notice. Such action includes seizure and or injunction.

Within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, notify this office in writing of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violations.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Seattle District Office, P.O. Box 3012, Bothell, Washington, 98041-3012, Attention: Robert L. Wesley, Compliance Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Kristy D. Olives
for Roger L. Lowell
District Director

Enclosure:

1. FDA-483
2. 21 CFR, Part 110