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WARNING LETTER NO. 98-NOL-15

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Albert Jacob, President
Ground Services Corporation
22752 Lowe Davis Road
Covington, Louisiana 70435

Dear Mr. Jacob:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1240), observed by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your aircraft waste servicing facility located at Ground Services Corporation, 163 Firehouse Road, New Orleans International Airport, Kenner, Louisiana 70641, on January 21, 1998.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection include the following:

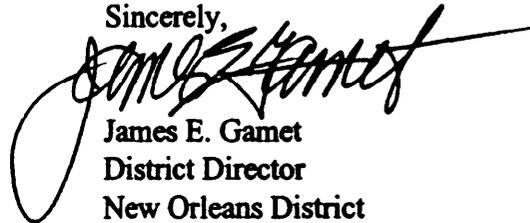
- 1) A five (5) inch hose used for aircraft waste removal located on the lavatory truck had holes penetrating to the inside of the hose and a taped area measuring approximately 18 inches was located between the hose's inlet and outlet;
- 2) A five (5) inch hose used for aircraft waste removal located on the lavatory truck was stored without cap and keeper chain with the discharge end pointing downward;
- 3) On the lavatory truck, the storage areas located immediately above the lavatory storage tank contained refuse and spillage from previous waste servicing operations;
- 4) Labeling used to identify the lavatory truck was incomplete; and,
- 5) Handwash facility in employee restroom was without posted handwashing sign instructing employees to wash hands before resuming work.

Accordingly, we are classifying the aircraft waste servicing facility as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the servicing facility 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 February 23, 1998, the aircraft servicing facility 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 Carolyn W. White, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James E. Gamet', written over a large, stylized loop.

James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. Noah G. LeBlanc, Vice President
Ground Services Corporation
163 Firehouse Road
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