



February 24, 1998

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**WARNING LETTER**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. David Eynard  
President  
Valley Ice & Fuel Co., Inc.  
HC 70, Box 14  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Dear Mr. Eynard:

During an inspection of the Valley Ice & Fuel Co., Inc., vessel watering point, Brownsville, Texas, on February 11, 1998, our investigators documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Backflow prevention devices are not provided in line to each potable water hydrant.
2. End caps and keeper chains are not provided for the same potable water outlets.
3. Potable and non-potable hydrants on the same dock are not properly identified.
4. Two potable water outlets are less than 18 inches above the pier and not properly housed.
5. Water hose openings are not protected and the hoses are stored directly on the docks.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the

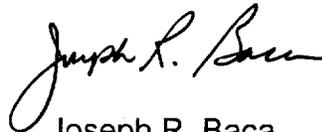
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regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points under your control are in compliance with the regulations.

A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with a responsible individual at the firm. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigators at the Brownsville location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph R. Baca".

Joseph R. Baca  
Dallas District Director

JRB:GSG