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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
222 Power Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Mr. LaRue:

During an inspection of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority, vessel watering point, Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 10, 1998, our investigator 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. A backflow prevention device was not provided in the line leading to the potable water outlet on the bulk material dock No. 2. The potable water outlet on cargo dock No. 9 was directed upward.
2. An end cap and keeper chain were not present on potable water outlet 1 on oil dock No. 3. Several potable water outlets had their caps removed.
3. The hydrant box for outlet 3 on cargo dock No. 8 contained debris and water.
4. Potable and non-potable water outlets on oil dock No. 3 were not properly identified.
5. Water hoses attached to outlets on cargo dock No. 12 and oil dock No. 3 did not have their openings protected. The water hoses on cargo dock No. 12 and oil dock No. 3 were stored on the ground.

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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 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 you. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the Corpus Christi 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,


Sylvia G. Yett
for Joseph R. Baca
Dallas District Director

Attachment- FDA-483

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cc: Mr. William J. Cotter
Director of Operations