



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Food and Drug Administration  
New Orleans District Compliance

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4298 Elysian Fields Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70122

November 6, 1996

**WARNING LETTER NO. 7-NOL-15**

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Richard Kerwin, President  
Bunge Corporation  
P.O. Box 28500  
St. Louis, Missouri 63146

Dear Mr. Kerwin:

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 Bunge Corporation, 12442 River Road, Destrehan, Louisiana, on October 24, 1996.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- 1) check valves not installed on the 1" and 2" water supply lines in line to the 1" and approximately 5/8" potable water hydrants;
- 2) check valve not installed on 3" water supply line in line to the 3" vessel potable water hydrant located at the extreme down river end of the loading pier;
- 3) two hydrants, a 1" and a 5/8"-threaded outlet, labeled as potable water, used for non-potable purposes;
- 4) cap and keeper chains not installed on the outlet of the 3" potable water hydrant located at the extreme down river end of the loading pier;

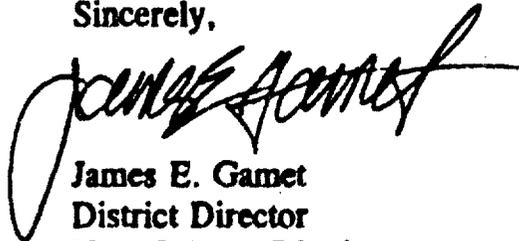
- 5) outlet of the 3" potable water hydrant, located at the extreme down river end of the pier, terminates less than 18" above the pier.

Accordingly, we are classifying the 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 December 6, 1996, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within fifteen (15) working 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  
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New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

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