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City of Florence Parks & Recreation
2500 Chisholm Road
Florence, AL 35630

ATTN: Jimmy Ray Stanfield, Director

Warning Letter No. 98-NSV-13

Dear Mr. Stanfield:

On April 8 & 10, 1998, Investigator David R. Heiar conducted an inspection of a vessel watering point facility located at McFarland Park, James M. Spain Drive, Florence Alabama. It was determined that the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen riverboats have historically obtained water for potable use from an in-ground hydrant at this location.

Investigator Heiar provided you with a list of deviations from acceptable sanitation requirements resulting in a **PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION** for this potable water source. To ensure a safe, sanitary supply of water to interstate vessels, we strongly suggest that action be taken to correct the deficiencies listed in the form FD 483, *Inspectional Observations*.

The hydrant must have adequate water pressure, a suitable backflow prevention device properly installed in-line to the hydrant, have no connections to any water system of lower quality, have supply lines above the normal high water line and have a suitable cut-off valve.

Hydrant outlets must be directed horizontal or downward and must be protected by caps with keeper chains when not in use. If a ground-level box is provided, adequate drainage must be employed.

These and other requirements are outlined in the *Inspection Summary - Vessel Watering Point Sanitation*, form FD 2521, issued to you by Investigator Heiar.

Please advise this office within 30 days of the actions you intend to take to ensure compliance with these sanitation requirements. Your response may be directed to the attention of Frank J. Jancarek, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RKH", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Raymond K. Hedblad
Director, Nashville District

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cc: Joseph Scott Young, President
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