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WARNING LETTER

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Mr. Gerald Greenwald, CEO
United Airlines Inc.
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Chicago, IL 66066

Ref #: 12-NYK-98

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

During the December 17, 1997 inspection of your airline service area facility for potable water located at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, NY, our investigators observed violations of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection our investigator presented to Mr. Anthony Serrao, Ramp Manager, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA483 (copy attached), and discussed the inspectional findings. The following deviations were found:

- * There is no backflow preventer device in the potable water system.

Location - Hydrant - Gate 1
Hydrant - Gate 2
Hydrant - Gate 3

- * The potable water hydrant is not labeled as "Drinking Water Only"

Location - Hydrant - Gate 8

- * There is no nozzle guard to protect the nozzle end of the hose from contamination.

Location - Hydrant - Gate 1 Hydrant - Gate 4 Hydrant - Gate 7
Hydrant - Gate 2 Hydrant - Gate 5 Hydrant - Gate 8
Hydrant - Gate 3 Hydrant - Gate 6 Hydrant - Gate 9

Hydrant - Gate 10
Hydrant - Gate 11
Hydrant - Gate 12

- * The floor of the potable water cabinet contains black debris, and a soiled rag.
Location - Hydrant - Gate 1
- * The floor of potable water cabinet contains black debris.
Location - Hydrant - Gate 1, 2, and 10
- * The potable water hose is not attached to threaded fitting.
Location - Hydrant - Gate 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10

Sanitation Facilities for Employees

- * There is no sign instructing employees to wash their hands before returning to work.

The above violations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies which may exist. As a result of this inspection, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a period of thirty (30) days at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvement has not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct these violations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder are being met. You should notify this office in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 850 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, Attention, Laurence D. Daurio, Compliance Officer.

Sincerely,


Brenda Holman
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Enclosures: Form FDA483 (Inspectional Observations)
Form FDA 2528 (Inspectional Summary)

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