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**WARNING LETTER**

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

Mr. Jay A. Czar  
Director of Aviation  
Albuquerque International Airport  
2800 Sunport Blvd.  
P.O. Box 9948  
Albuquerque, NM 87119

Ref. #: DEN-01-31

Dear Mr. Czar:

On April 10-12, 2001, an inspection was conducted at Albuquerque International Airport waste dump site, Albuquerque, NM. The inspection was conducted under the authority of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

At the conclusion of the inspection, Form FDA-483 (Inspectional Observations) and Form FDA-2528 (Inspection Summary) were issued to Mr. James D. Hinde, Engineer/Environmental Manager, citing violations of the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations, Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1250 (21 CFR. 1250). These deficiencies included:

1. The concrete apron surrounding the airport waste dump station is inadequately sloped, resulting in standing pools of blue waste water and/or sewage.
2. The waste dump station was inadequately cleaned with blue waste water, toilet paper and raw sewage spilled on the surrounding apron and ground.
3. The waste dump station has inadequate water pressure to wash down the surround area and equipment.
4. There are no hand washing facilities at the waste dump station. The nearest available facilities are approximately 1/2 mile away at the airport terminal.
5. Wet and dry blue waste water and/or sewage spills were observed on the concrete at gates A-2, A-5 and B-10.

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Copies of the FDA-483 and FDA-2528 are enclosed for your information.

The above violations are not intended to be an all inclusive list of the deficiencies which may exist. As a result of these deficiencies, this facility has been classified as "Provisional". Another inspection will be conducted within 30 days to determine if these deficiencies have been adequately corrected. If acceptable corrections have been made, the facility will be returned to an "Approved" classification. If corrections are unacceptable, a "Not Approved" classification will be assigned. Airlines are prohibited from using aircraft lavatory services that have been classified as "Not Approved" in accordance with 21 CFR 1250.60.

During the inspection, Mr. Hinde reported to our Investigator that plans are being made to build a new dump station. In accordance with 21 CFR 1250.62, these plans must be submitted to the FDA for review prior to construction. Failure to provide these plans may result in a "Not Approved" status for the new site.

You should take prompt action to correct these deficiencies. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act are being met. You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter of the actions taken to correct the deficiencies and to prevent their recurrence.

By separate letter, users of the Albuquerque International Airport waste dump site are being notified of the "Provisional" classification of this facility.

Your response should be sent to H. Tom Warwick, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 25087, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0087. He may be reached at (303) 236-3054 if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Allison  
District Director

Enclosures: Form FDA-483  
Form FDA-2528

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