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May 21, 2001

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas De Valle
Vice President
American Airlines, Inc.
4333 Amon Carter Blvd.
Ft. Worth, TX 76155

Ref. #: DEN-01-29

Dear Mr. De Valle:

On April 12, 2001, an inspection was conducted at American Airlines waste servicing operation, Albuquerque International Airport, 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. Frank S. Fabianski, Customer Service Manager, citing violations of the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation regulations, Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1250 (21 CFR 1250). These deficiencies included:

1. Wet and dry blue waste water and/or sewage was observed on the concrete at American Airlines gate B-1.
2. Lavatory service carts #0335 and #14590 were leaking blue waste water and/or sewage through their dump valves onto the ground.
3. The dump valves on these lavatory service carts were not capped.
4. Blue waste water and/or sewage was observed on the top and standing area of lavatory service cart #14590.

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

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

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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.

You should take prompt action to correct the deficiencies. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and Federal Food, Drug & 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.

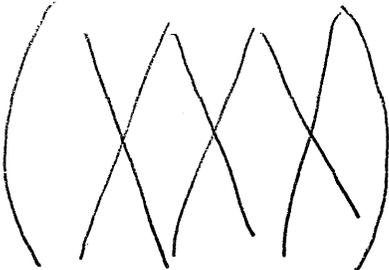
Your response should be sent to H. Tom Warwick, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 25087, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0087. He may be reached at (303) 236-3054 if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,


Thomas A. Allison
District Director

Enclosures: Form FDA-483
Form FDA-2528

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