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New York District

Food & Drug Administration
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WARNING LETTER

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REF: NYK-2001-85

Mr. George Warrington
President
National Railroad Passenger Corp.
615 Massachusetts Ave, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Warrington:

During en route inspections of Amtrak railroad cars on May 21, 2001, our investigator 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, on May 22, 2001, our investigator presented Mr. Kenny Subero, Manager Equipment, Standards & Performance at Sunnyside Yard, Long Island City, NY, lists of Inspectional Observations, Forms FDA 483, and the Inspection Summary – Aircraft, Bus, Railroad Car Sanitation, Form FDA 2465. The findings were discussed with him.

The following deviations were found:

1. Train 2153, High Speed Train, New York to Washington (originating in Boston).

Ten of forty cream cheese packages (3/4 oz.) examined at the counter area of cafe car 3301 were found to have internal temperatures between 62°F – 65°F.

2. Train 110, Philadelphia to New York (originating in Washington DC).

Two of two turkey salads in refrigerator 4 in cafe car 48989 were found to have internal temperatures between 49°F-54°F.

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Ten of ten cream cheese packages (3/4 oz.) in refrigerator 4 of cafe car 28354 were found with internal temperatures between 54°F-56°F.

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 the receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your reply should be sent to Laurence D. Daurio, Compliance Officer, at the above address. Mr. Daurio can be reached at (718) 340-7000, ext. 5585.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Hart
Acting District Director

Enclosure: Forms FDA 483
Form FDA 2465 -