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Steve Townes, President and Chief Executive Officer
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WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Townes:

On May 24, 2001, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted an inspection of your airline service facility at the San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, California. Your operations at this site are in violation of the federal regulations for interstate conveyance sanitation which are established in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250 (21 CFR 1250) and Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act.

The lack of adequate sanitary practices was demonstrated by the following deficiencies:

1. There were dried blue tissue papers on the floor of the aircraft service area (tritcherator) used for dumping aircraft waste. Numerous live flies were observed in this area.
2. There is no water available to wash and sanitize the lavatory service truck after aircraft waste has been dumped into the tritcherator. The lavatory service truck is washed and sanitized at another location of the airport.
3. The waste transfer pipe was observed stored uncapped and directly on the floor of the aircraft service area.
4. Grease residue was observed on the doors and door handles of potable water cabinets located at Gates 40 and 41.

Some of the insanitary conditions are likely to result in adulteration of potable water from your service within the meaning of Sections 402(a)(3) and 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The findings were discussed with Mr. Keith Mitchell, General Manager. Copies of the Form FDA 483, Inspectional Observations, and Form FDA 2528, Inspection Summary –

Airline Service Area or Water Point Sanitation, were issued to Mr. Mitchell and are being provided to you for your information.

Based on the findings of our inspection, your facility has been assessed a "Provisional" classification. A "Provisional" classification means that if the deficiencies are not corrected within thirty (30) working days from receipt of this notification, your facility will be placed on "Not Approved" status. A "Not Approved" status means that water and waste service will be prohibited from use by interstate conveyances at your San Francisco, California facility.

Failure to take prompt corrective action may result in appropriate regulatory action, such as injunction without further notice. You should notify this office within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violations, including an explanation of preventive measures taken to preclude recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within fifteen (15) working days, cite the reason for the delay and the time by which the corrections will be completed. Please direct your response to:

Randall P. Zielinski, CSO/ITS
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
1431 Harbor Bay Parkway
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You may wish to FAX your response to Mr. Zielinski at (510) 337-6703.

Sincerely,


Dennis K. Linsley
District Director
San Francisco District

Attachments:

Form FDA 483
Form FDA 2528

cc:

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Attention: [REDACTED] Executive Representative for [REDACTED]