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FEDERAL EXPRESS
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Barton G. Radcliff, President
Radcliff/Economy Marine Service, Inc.
5 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama 36652

Dear Mr. Radcliff:

During an inspection of your vessel watering point facility, located at 5 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama, on January 30, 2002, our inspector observed violations of the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA 483 (copy enclosed), and an Inspection Summary-Vessel Watering Point Sanitation, Form FDA 2521 (copy enclosed), were issued to and discussed with Mr. Sumner G. Adams, Vice President. The following deficiencies were observed during the inspection:

- Your potable water hydrant is not constructed in a manner that prevents contamination of the water. For example, your potable water outlet is not equipped with a backflow prevention device, e.g. check valve, and capping device to cover the outlet during periods of non-use; and,
- Your potable water hydrant was not identified for its intended use.

As a result of the above observations, we are classifying your watering point as "Provisional" for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty (30) days. A Provisional classification means the facility may continue to operate; however, significant correction of violations must be made within thirty days. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure corrections meet FDA's requirements. If significant corrections have not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified. A classification of "Not Approved" means that interstate carrier companies are prohibited from using the facility.

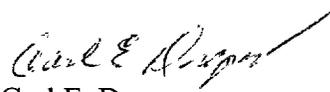
You should take prompt action to correct all deficiencies. This letter is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist at your vessel watering point. It is your responsibility, as a servicer of interstate conveyances, to ensure all locations of your operations meet all requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its associated regulations.

We are aware that at the close of this inspection Mr. Adams made a verbal commitment to correct the violations. However, you should notify this office in writing, within 15 days from your receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. If you cannot complete all corrections before you respond, we expect you will explain the reason for the delay and a deadline by which you will correct any remaining deficiencies.

We are notifying the users of your watering point of the "Provisional" classification of this facility by separate letter.

Your response should be addressed to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Mr. Mark W. Rivero, Compliance Officer, at the above address. If you have questions regarding any issue in this letter, you may direct them to Mr. Rivero at the above address or at 504-253-4519.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Draper
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosures: Form FDA 483
Form FDA 2521

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