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June 10, 2003

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

City of Baltimore, Transportation Maintenance Division
520 Fallsway
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

ATTN: Mr. Anthony Wallnofer, Jr., Chief

An investigator of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspected [REDACTED] of your vessel watering points located in Baltimore City's Inner Harbor on May 8,9,14-16, 2003, under the authority of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act.

The observations made during the inspection, provided to you on a Form FDA-483, List of Observations, and on a Form FDA 2521, Inspection Summary – Vessel Watering Point Sanitation Report, completed for each watering point inspected, denote significant deviations of the PHS Act and the FD&C Act as promulgated in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1240 and 1250.

Significant deficiencies noted during the inspection of your [REDACTED] vessel watering points included:

- A raw sewage spill at west wall watering point "[REDACTED]" and open sewers observed at west wall watering point "[REDACTED]" and watering point "[REDACTED]" on the east side of pier #5.
- [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] watering points lack a suitable backflow protection device.
- [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] watering points lack a suitable cut off valve.
- [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] watering points do not have adequate drainage.
- Hydrants are not all identified for their intended use.
- All [REDACTED] watering points lack the protection of caps and keeper chains.
- All [REDACTED] watering points are littered with trash and debris.

As a result of these inspectional findings, the Baltimore City Inner Harbor vessel watering points collectively have been classified as "Provisional" for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty (30)

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days. “Provisional” classification means that watering points may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made within the designated time period. On or about July 10, 2003, a reinspection of your watering points will be conducted to assure corrections have been made and meet FDA requirements. This reinspection will determine if your future classification will be “Approved” or “Not Approved”. A “Not Approved” classification means you cannot provide water to vessels.

Please advise this office, in writing, within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of actions you have taken to correct deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Mr. Kirk Sooter, Director, Compliance Branch, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 6000 Metro Drive, Suite 101, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. Should you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sooter at (410) 779-5412.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Bowers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District

Cc: Mr. Richard Hooper, General Superintendent
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