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New York District

Food & Drug Administration  
850 Third Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

**WARNING LETTER**

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 1, 1999

Maurice Nachtomi, President  
Tower Air, Inc.  
John F. Kennedy International Airport  
Hanger 17  
Jamaica, NY 11430

Ref: NYK 1999-025

Dear Mr. Nachtomi:

During a January 5, 1999 inspection of your aircraft and airline watering point located at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, 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, our investigator presented to Mr. Angelo Careccia, Supervisor Maintenance Department, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA-483 (copy attached), and the Airline Service Area or Watering Point Station Inspection Summary, Form FDA-2528 (copy attached), and discussed the findings with him. The following deviations were found:

- There is no backflow preventer device in the line leading to the hydrant outlet located in Hanger 17, Bay C (Item 2 on Form FDA-2528).
- There is no guard, disk or other device to protect the nozzle end of the potable water hose from contamination, at the Gate 3 location. Additionally, there is no suitable cap attached to the hose end (Items 13 and 14 on Form FDA-2528).
- Black residue, dust, and papers were noted inside the cabinets containing the potable water hydrants at Gates 1, 2, and 3 (Item 5 on Form FDA-2528).

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.

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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 the Food and Drug Administration, 850 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, Attention: Fabio L. Mattiasich, Compliance Officer. Mr. Mattiasich can be reached at (718) 340-7000 ext. 5292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda J. Holman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Brenda J. Holman  
District Director

Enclosure: Form FDA-483  
Form FDA-2528