



m 2719n

Dallas District  
3310 Live Oak Street  
Dallas, Texas 75204-6191

June 22, 1999

Ref: 99-DAL-WL-16

**WARNING LETTER**

**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Billy G. Masters  
Port Director  
Port of Beaumont Navigation District  
d/b/a Port of Beaumont  
1255 Main Street  
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Dear Mr. Masters:

During an inspection of the Port of Beaumont vessel watering point, Beaumont, Texas, on May 26, 1999, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Potable water outlet number three on dock four and an outlet at door two on Carroll Street Warf were not equipped with backflow prevention devices.
2. The backflow prevention device on potable water outlet number two on Harbor Island dock was not installed properly, in that the checkvalve was installed sideways.

Deficiencies were additionally noted with your dock leased to [REDACTED] including:

1. Backflow prevention devices were not provided for the one inch outlets added to number one outlet on dock one. Backflow prevention devices were not installed in the line leading to each one inch outlet added to number two potable water outlet on dock one. The one-inch outlets added to the number two potable water outlet were installed in front of checkvalve.

Page 2- Mr. Billy G. Masters, Port Director  
June 22, 1999

2. The one-inch outlets added to potable water outlets one and two were less than 18 inches above the dock surface, in that they were approximately two inches above the dock surface.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel-watering points under your control are in compliance with the regulations.

A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with a responsible individual at the firm. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the Beaumont location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



for Joseph R. Baca  
Dallas District Director

JRB:GSG

Enclosures

cc. Mr. William F. Carpenter  
Director of Operations