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**WARNING LETTER**

**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. William S. Stavropoulos  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
Dow Chemical USA  
2030 Dow Center  
Midland, Michigan 48674

Dear Mr. Stavropoulos:

During an inspection of your Dow Chemical Texas Division vessel watering point, Freeport, Texas, on September 30, 1997, our investigator documented a deviation from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed a significant insanitary condition:

The potable outlet on Dock 8A was not equipped with a backflow prevention device.

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 observation noted by the investigator at the Freeport location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct this deviation and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct this critical violation can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

2- Mr. William S. Stavropoulos, President  
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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 violation. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph R. Baca".

Joseph R. Baca  
Dallas District Director

JRB:GSG

cc. Mr. Steven C. Kilpatrick  
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