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Peter Bowler
President
American Eagle Airlines, Inc.
P.O. Box 612527
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Dear Mr. Bowler:

On December 7, 1999, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) performed a routine inspection of the lavatory waste servicing and limited commissary of American Eagle Airlines, Inc., 2077 Airport Drive, Austin Straubel International Airport, Green Bay, WI 54313. In addition, one aircraft was inspected. The FDA has inspectional authority over such facilities under Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250 (21 CFR 1240 and 1250), covering Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation.

As a result of this inspection the lavatory waste servicing and limited commissary components of this airline have been classified as "Provisional." The Provisional classification requires your firm to follow-up by addressing significant deficiencies observed during the inspection.

The following objectionable conditions or practices were observed:

1. The potable water supply for filling the lavatory waste cart was not appropriately protected from backflow during filling.
2. No employee handwash sink was located in the operations area which serves as a limited commissary.
3. The location of the ice machine in the garage is not protected from environmental sources of contamination.
4. A reddish/brown slime was observed on the water contact areas of the ice machine.

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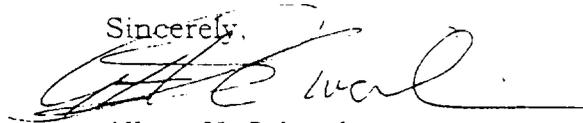
The deficiencies observed were listed on a form FDA-483, Notice of Inspectional Observations. This form was issued to and discussed with Mr. James L. Morin, Lead Agent Supervisor. A copy of the form FDA-483 is enclosed for your information.

The above-identified list of deficiencies is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the conditions observed at your facility. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to all requirements of the regulations.

The Provisional classification has been assigned for 30 days after which a follow-up inspection will be scheduled. To obtain an "Approved" classification the cited deficiencies must be corrected prior to our next inspection. Should significant deficiencies continue, downgrading to a "Not Approved" classification would be justified. A classification of "Not Approved" means that the firm would not be allowed to conduct any lavatory waste servicing, and food and beverage dispensing would be prohibited.

Please notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of the receipt of this letter, of the measures you have implemented to correct these violations. If you or your staff have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Investigator Mary R. Chestolowski at the Green Bay Resident Post, Old Fort Square, Suite 202, 211 N. Broadway, Green Bay, WI, or at (920) 433-3924, or Supervisory Investigator David R. Yost at the address indicated on the letterhead, (612) 334-4100 ext. 172.

Sincerely,



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