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158-15 Liberty Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11433

WARNING LETTER

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Barry Kravitz, General Manager
The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
90 Columbia Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

February 18, 2000

Ref: NYK-2000-36

Dear Mr. Kravitz:

During a January 13, 2000 inspection of your vessel watering point facilities located on Piers 6, 7, and 8 in Brooklyn, New York, our investigators observed violations of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its 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, the investigators presented the Inspectional Observations (Form FDA 483) and Inspection Summary-Vessel Watering Point Sanitation (Form FDA 2521) (copies enclosed) to Michael Pastuzyn, Maintenance Unit Supervisor and discussed the findings with him. The following deviations were found:

1. There were no backflow prevention devices in the lines leading to the hydrant outlets on Piers 7 and 8.
2. The hydrant outlet was not capped on Pier 8.
3. The hydrant outlets were not terminating at least 18 inches above the pier surface on Pier 6 South (two hydrant outlets) and Pier 6 North (two hydrant outlets).
4. The hydrant outlet was not terminating in a downward or horizontal position on Pier 6 North (hydrant #2).

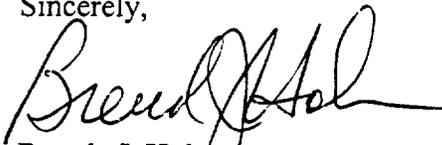
The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist. As a result of these inspectional findings, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a 30 day period at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvements have 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 observations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations are being met. You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433, Attn: Bruce A. Goldwitz, Compliance Officer. If you have any questions, you can call Mr. Goldwitz at 718/340-7000 ext. 5582.

Sincerely,



Brenda J. Holman
District Director

Enclosures: Forms FDA 483 and FDA 2521

cc: Robert E. Boyle, Executive Director
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