



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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New York District

Food & Drug Administration  
158-15 Liberty Avenue  
Jamaica, NY 11433

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**WARNING LETTER NYK 2000-71**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Christian Doner  
President  
Rifton Aviation Services  
1032 First Street, Bldg. 112  
Stewart International Airport  
New Windsor, New York 12253

Dear Mr. Doner:

During an inspection of your airline watering point and lavatory service located at Stewart International Airport, 1032 First Street, New Windsor, New York on April 14, 2000, our investigator observed violations of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, our investigator presented to Mr. Shane J. Harris, Director of Customer Service, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA 483 (copy attached), and an Inspection Summary for the Airline Service Area or Watering Point Sanitation, Form FDA 2528 (copy attached). The findings were discussed with Mr. Harris.

Deficiencies noted during the inspection included the following:

- 1) The water piping system for the potable water hydrant lacked a backflow prevention device (item #2 on Form FDA 2528).
- 2) The water hoses used on the potable water hydrant and potable water carts one and two do not have nozzle guards, disks, or other devices to protect the nozzle ends from possible contamination (item #13 on Form FDA 2528).
- 3) A garden hose used to deliver potable water from the potable water hydrant was not demonstrated to be of a satisfactory material (item #11 on Form FDA 2528).
- 4) The potable water hydrant, which can be connected directly to aircraft without the use of the carts,

was not labeled for "Drinking Water Only" (item #24 on Form FDA 2528).

- 5) The sanitation facilities for employees lack a sign instructing employees to wash their hands before resuming work (item #55 on Form FDA 2528).

As a result of the above violations, 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. The above deficiencies are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. You should take prompt action to correct the noted deficiencies. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with each requirement of the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, please notify this office in writing of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations.

Your reply should be addressed to Richard T. Trainor, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. If you have any questions, Mr. Trainor's telephone number is 914-682-6166 x 26.

Sincerely yours,

  
Brenda J. Holman  
District Director

Enclosures: FDA 483  
FDA 2528

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