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October 24, 1997

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WARNING LETTER**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Jacob B. Stolt-Neilsen
President
Stolthaven Houston, Inc.
15602 Jacinto Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77213-6438

Dear Mr. Stolt-Neilsen:

During an inspection of the Stolthaven Houston, Inc., vessel watering point, Houston, Texas, on October 21, 1997, 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. A potable water hydrant on the barge dock was less than 18" above the pier.
2. An end cap was not provided for the potable water outlet on the barge dock. Keeper chains were not provided for potable water outlets on the barge and ship docks.
3. Potable and non-potable hydrants (chemicals) on the barge and ship docks were not properly identified.
4. A water hose was attached to the potable water outlet on the barge dock. The hose was on the dock and the hose opening was not protected.

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.

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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 Houston 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

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cc. Mr. David A Coiley
Operations Manager

Mr. Steven E. Turchi
Terminal Manager