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WARNING LETTER NO. 2000-NOL-29

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY
FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Hank Danos, President/Owner
Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc.
13083 Highway 308
Larose, Louisiana 70373

Dear Mr. Danos:

During an inspection of your vessel watering point facility, located at 523 Jump Basin Road, Venice, Louisiana on June 28, 2000, our investigator observed violations of the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the close of the inspection, our investigator presented Mr. Mark M. Ortiz, Shore Base Coordinator, a list of Inspectional Observations, Form FDA 483 (copy enclosed) and an Inspection Summary for Vessel Watering Point Sanitation, Form FDA 2521 (copy enclosed). The findings were discussed with Mr. Ortiz.

The following deficiency was observed during the inspection:

- Potable and non-potable water hydrants on the same pier are not properly identified for their intended use.

As a result of the above violation, we are classifying the watering point as "Provisional" for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days, 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.

You should take prompt action to correct the deficiency. This letter is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist at your vessel watering point. It is your responsibility, as a servicer of interstate conveyances, to ensure your operations are not in violation of the law.

We are aware that at the close of the inspection you made a verbal commitment to correct the deficiency. Our investigator documented this by annotation of the Form FDA 483. However, you should notify this office in writing, within 15 days from receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the deficiency and to assure that such violations will not recur.

Your response should be addressed to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Ms. Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, 6600 Plaza Drive, Suite 400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70127. If you have questions regarding any issue in this letter, you may direct them to Ms. Hardin at the above address or at 504-253-4519.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Draper
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosures: Form FDA 483
 Form FDA 2521