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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Lieutenant Commander Raymond Clark  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Post Office Box 60267  
New Orleans, LA 70160

Dear Lt. Commander Clark:

FDA inspected your vessel watering point, located at 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana on August 27-28, 1997.

The observations made during the inspection are in violation of the Public Health Service Act and the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act as promulgated in Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Parts 1240 and 1250.

During the inspection, the following violations were noted:

1. Check valves were not installed on water supply lines located in-line to the following:
  - on the 1 1/2 inch potable water hydrant and a 5/8 inch hydrant with threaded outlet located on the south ramp barge stringout;
  - on a 5/8 inch water hydrant with threaded outlet located north of the north ramp;
  - on two fire hydrants connected to a common supply line and located north and south of the wharf area.
2. Water hydrants on the wharf area, south ramp, north ramp and north of the north ramp were not identified for their intended use.
3. A one inch potable water hydrant on the wharf area was used to deliver water for a non-potable activity, namely to facilitate water blasting of paint on board a ship.

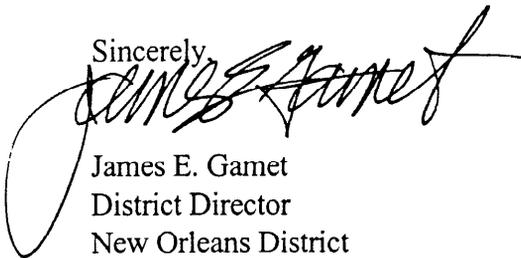
4. A one inch hose for non-potable water was attached to a one inch potable water hydrant in the wharf area.
5. Caps and keeper chains are not installed on potable water hydrants located on the wharf area south ramp and north ramp.

The list of inspectional observations, identified above, is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the conditions observed at your facility. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with all requirements of the regulations.

Based on inspectional findings, we are classifying the vessel watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty (30) days. A "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of violations must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements. If significant corrections are not made at the time of the next inspection, the facility will be reclassified as NOT-APPROVED for carrier use.

Please advise this office in fifteen (15) days of the receipt of this letter regarding the measures you have implemented to correct the violations. Your response should include a discussion of any delays you foresee in achieving correction, and a deadline by which correction can be expected. Please direct your response to Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122-3896, telephone number (504) 589-7166, fax number (504) 589-4657.

Sincerely,



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