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FEDERAL EXPRESS  
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Gerald M. Dill, Comptroller  
Diocese of Lafayette Catholic Schools  
Food and Nutrition Services  
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Dear Mr. Dill:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspected your firm on April 4-5 and 11, 2000. Our investigator documented numerous insanitary conditions in your food storage warehouse, located at 210 Old Farm Lane, Broussard, Louisiana, that showed food products had been held in a facility whereby they may become contaminated with filth. Preparing, packing, or holding food under insanitary conditions renders the food adulterated under section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), in that the food may become contaminated with filth.

The documented objectionable conditions include:

1. Rodent activity observed in five, 10-pound bags of [REDACTED] whole-wheat flour and one, 10-pound bag of [REDACTED] all-purpose flour;
2. Rodent activity observed on four, 25-pound bags of [REDACTED] yellow cornmeal;
3. Rodent activity observed in one, 25-pound bag of [REDACTED] Non-Fat Dry Milk;
4. Numerous rodent ingress and egress holes were note in the lower section of the north wall of the food warehouse;
5. Two dead rodents were observed on the floor in the food warehouse. One was observed in the corner of the northwest warehouse, and another was observed in an area referred to as the "tool room, " and
6. Dead, unidentified insects were observed throughout the warehouse.

Investigation of the general storage conditions in the warehouse revealed a ½-inch wide opening between the concrete slab and the outer metal panel on the north wall of the warehouse. Several holes were observed on the east wall of the warehouse, and a ½-inch wide opening was observed in the southeast corner of the warehouse. Two, 6-inch long by ½-inch wide openings were observed under the overhanging doors on the east wall. These holes may provide an entry for rodent vermin.

At the close of the inspection, Ms. Charlotte Huval, Director of Food Services, reported she would discard food products containing rodent activity. On April 13, 2000, [REDACTED], Administrative Assistant, hand-delivered your firm's written response to the Form FDA 483 that listed food products voluntarily destroyed by your firm April 12, 2000. Further corrections were promised; however, these corrections have not been verified.

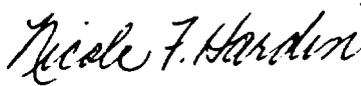
The above listed violations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to insure that your facility is operated in a sanitary manner.

At the conclusion of the inspection, an FDA investigator presented to your firm a list of deficiencies on Form FDA 483, List of Inspectional Observations. You should take prompt action to correct these violations. Failure to promptly correct these deviations may result in regulatory action without further notice. Such actions may include seizure, injunction, or prosecution.

You should notify this office, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, of the steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 days, please state the reason for the delay and the time by which the corrections will be completed.

Your response should be directed to Patricia K. Schafer, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 6600 Plaza Drive, Suite 400, New Orleans, Louisiana 70127. Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, or if you desire a meeting with the Agency staff, you may contact Ms. Schafer at her telephone number (504) 253-4519.

Sincerely,

  
for Carl E. Draper  
District Director  
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

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