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August 11, 1997

WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-55

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Herb A. Fox, President
Murphy Oil USA, Inc.
200 Peach Street
El Dorado, AR 71731-7000

Dear Mr. Fox:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*, Part 1240), observed by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, Murphy Oil USA, Inc., 2500 St. Bernard Highway, Meraux, Louisiana 70075, on August 5, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

- (1) No backflow protection device on a potable water hydrant;
- (2) Potable and non-potable hydrants on the same pier not labeled for their intended use;
- (3) Potable water hydrant terminating less than 18 inches above the pier;
- (4) No cap and keeper chain on potable water hydrant.

Accordingly, we are classifying this watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies 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.

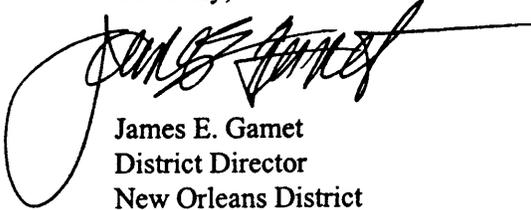
If significant corrections are not made by September 11, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for interstate carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of the actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to

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Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122-3896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Gamet", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

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Enclosure: FDA-483

cc: Mr. Sherwood Breaux, Refinery Manager
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