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August 15, 1997

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James J. Hare, Director, Customer Service
Northwest Airlines, Incorporated
Washington National Airport
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Hare:

On August 6, 1997, a representative of the Food and Drug Administration conducted an inspection of your aircraft servicing facility at Washington National Airport, Washington, DC. This inspection was conducted under the authority of the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

The List of Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with Mr. Robert Simko, Manager. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference.

The inspection revealed significant deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Regulations [21 CFR 1250], as follows:

- 1) Unacceptable backflow prevention on potable water piping at gate 3-B.
- 2) Aircraft watering hose without a cap with keeper chain at gates 3-B and 3-D.

As a result of these findings, this facility has been classified as "Provisional." A reinspection will be conducted on or about September 6, 1997, to determine if future classification will be "Approved" or "Not Approved." A "Not Approved" classification means you cannot provide water/sewage service to airlines.

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Please advise this office in writing, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, regarding actions taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violative conditions will not recur. Your response should be directed to Wiley T. Williamson, III, Compliance Officer. Mr. Williamson can be reached at 410-962-4366, Extension 136.

Sincerely,



Elaine Knowles Cole
Baltimore District Director

Enclosure