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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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WARNING LETTER

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 19, 1997

Robert Senseny, Harbormaster
Diamond State Port Corporation
Foot of Terminal and Christiana Streets
Wilmington, DE 19899

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Reviewed by: <u>Wm. W. Kruse</u>	

Dear Mr. Senseny:

On July 30, 1997, Investigators representing the US Food & Drug Administration concluded an inspection of the vessel watering points which your firm operates at the Port of Wilmington. Our review of that inspection finds that the facility is being operated under conditions which are, or may contribute to, violations of the Public Health Service Act (the Act) and implementing regulations.

This finding is based on the observations made at the potable water hydrants at your facility. Copies of the investigator's forms FDA-483 and 2521 are attached for your reference.

1. Potable water hydrants numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 did not have backflow preventers installed in the water line.
2. Potable water hydrant in pit number 2 was leaking at the supply line. As a result of the leak, the pit was flooded.
3. Potable water haydrants numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 did not bear a "Potable Water" sign.
4. Hydrants 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9 did not have a cap retained with a keeper chain.

Accordingly, we are classifying the watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. We request that you notify this office in writing, indicating the specific

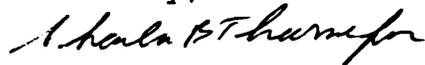
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steps you have taken, or intend to take, to correct the violations. Your response should include a timetable for implementing the corrections and it should be directed to William W. Knipe, Compliance Officer, at the address shown above. Should you fail to make the required corrections by September 19, 1997, the facility will be reclassified as NOT APPROVED for interstate carrier use.

Sincerely,



Diana Kolaitis
District Director

Attach: FDA-483, 2521

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