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August 25, 1997

WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-60

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ted A. Martin
President
Martin Terminal, Inc.
P.O. Box 2271
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Mr. Martin:

During an inspection of your vessel watering point located at Martin Terminal, Inc., 365 A.J. Estay Road, Fourchon, Louisiana, on August 21, 1997, our investigator documented deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 1240).

Discrepancies noted during the inspection include the following:

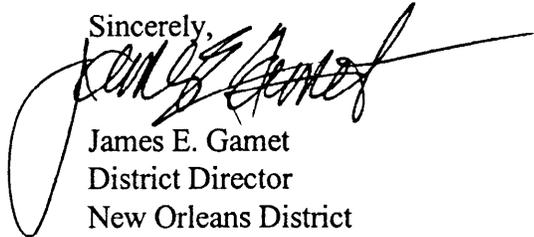
1. Backflow prevention devices not installed on lines in-line to potable water hydrants;
2. Potable and non-potable water hydrants not identified for intended use;
3. Potable water hydrants terminate less than 18 inches above the pier;
4. Cap and keeper chains not installed on potable water hydrant outlets;
5. Facility not properly maintained in that grass and weeds surround potable water hydrant.

Accordingly, we are classifying the vessel 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 25, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as NOT APPROVED for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within 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 Nicole F. Hardin, Compliance Officer, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122-3896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Gamet", written over the typed name and title.

James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

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cc: John A. Hebert
Foreman
Martin Terminal, Inc.
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