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WARNING LETTER

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. William Greehey, President
Valero Energy Corporation
One Allen Center
500 Dallas Street, Suite 3200
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Greehey:

During an inspection of the Basis Petroleum vessel watering point on July 15, 1997, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. The potable water hydrant on dock four was not equipped with a backflow prevention device.
2. Potable water hydrants were on the same docks with non-potable hydrants and they were not properly identified.
3. End caps and keeper chains were missing from all potable water hydrants.
4. The check valves for the potable water hydrants on the ship and barge docks one and two were not installed properly.

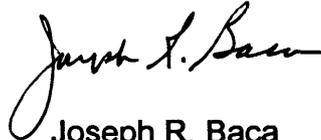
This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points under your control are in compliance with the regulations.

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A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with a responsible individual at the firm. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigator at the Houston location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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Dallas District Director

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cc. Mr. Randall Rice
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Mr. Joseph A. Concienne
Vice President of Operations

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HFR-SE400 (ITS Specialist - FDA-483 & EIR)

HFC-210 (CFN1622710)

HFA-224

HFS-627 (Larry Edwards)

HFS-607 (Larry E. Glaze)

HFR-SW150 (DIB)

HFR-SW1580 (Graham/Johnson)

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