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April 14, 1997

**WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-38**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Jerry T. Gonsoulin  
Vice President  
LeBeouf Brothers Towing Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9036  
Houma, LA 70361

Dear Mr. Gonsoulin:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 1250), observed by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, LeBeouf Brothers Towing Company, Inc., 100 Dry Dock Road, Bourg, LA 70343, on April 8, 1997.

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

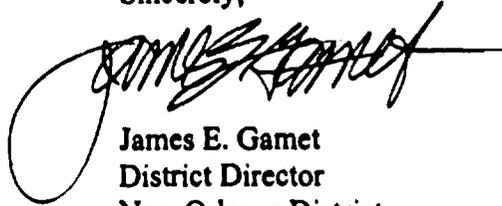
- 1) No backflow prevention devices for the potable water hydrants on the service dock;
- 2) No cut-off valves in line to each hydrant;
- 3) The outlets for the hydrants were less than 18" above the pier;
- 4) No cap and keeper chains on the hydrants;
- 5) Two water hoses on the pier with unprotected end openings when not in use.

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, 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 David J. LeRay, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3848.

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

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. Jerry T. Gonsoulin  
Vice President  
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