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WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-42

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Graham Miller
President
Tesoro Coastwide Services Company, Inc.
9426 Telephone Road
Houston, TX 77075

Dear Mr. Miller:

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 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your vessel watering point located at Tesoro Coastwide Services Company, Inc., 1001 Front Street, Morgan City, Louisiana, 70380, on April 18, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection include the following:

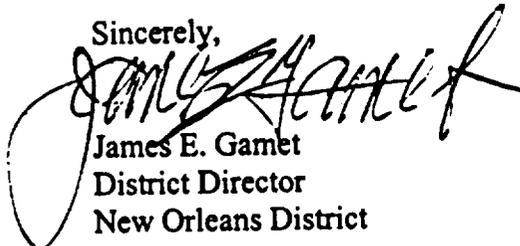
1. Backflow protection devices not installed for two potable water hydrants along the pier;
2. Potable and non-potable water hydrants on the same pier not labeled for their intended use;
3. Potable water hydrant outlets are less than 18 inches above the pier;
4. Cap and keeper chains not installed on two potable water hydrants.

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 by May 29, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of 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, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3848.

Sincerely,



James E. Gamet
District Director
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cc: Mr. Donald Nicholas, Jr.
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