

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration
New Orleans District Compliance**4298 Elysian Fields Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70122

May 8, 1997

WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-44***CERTIFIED MAIL***
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. C.S. Farley, President
Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
1111 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Farley:

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 & Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, Texaco Inc., 8236 LA Highway 56, Cocodrie, Louisiana, 70344, conducted on May 5, 1997.

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

- 1) no backflow preventive devices on four potable water hydrant outlets with faucets.

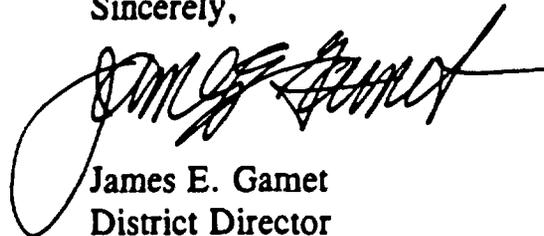
Accordingly, we are classifying the watering point as **PROVISIONAL** for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or 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.

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Please advise this office in writing within ten (10) working 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 Carolyn S. Olsen, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3896.

Sincerely,



James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Ms. Helen Pattison, Vice President
Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
400 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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