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WARNING LETTER

On May 29 and 30, 1997, FDA Investigator Randall P. Zielinski conducted an inspection of your vessel watering points located at 20th and Illinois Street. Your operations at this site are in serious violation of Section 361 of the Public Health Act and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250, Interstate Conveyance Sanitation.

Lack of adequate water system protection was demonstrated by the following observations: potable water was being placed aboard the vessel Cape Henry without any backflow protection on the potable water hydrant; fourteen of eighteen potable water hydrants lacked caps and keeper chains and are exposed to dirt and debris from your firms maintenance operations; a water hose used for potable water service is stored on the pier in contact with the ground, and, instead of caps, the ends of the hose are covered with duct tape, which is not a sanitary cover; the boiler located on the pier lacks a backflow prevention device to prevent boiler additive chemicals from entering the pier's potable water system; hoses attached to the potable water system upstream from the piers lack backflow prevention devices.

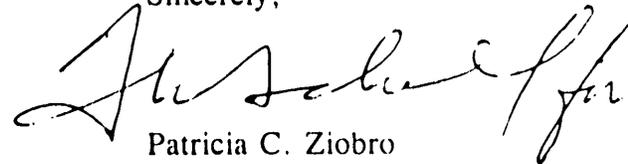
Based on these findings your operation has been placed on "Provisionally Approved " status as indicated on form FDA 2521 ( a copy of the form is attached ). A classification of "Provisional" means that if these objectionable conditions are not corrected in the specified time period your facility will be placed on "Not Approved" status and vessels will not be allowed to use the potable water supply at your facility until the conditions have been corrected and your facility has been reinspected by FDA.

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You should take prompt action to correct these deficiencies. Failure to do so may result in appropriate regulatory action such as injunction without further notice. You should notify this office within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violations. You should include an explanation of measures taken to prevent a recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within fifteen working days, cite the reason for the delay and the time by which the corrections will be completed. Please direct your response to Randall P. Zielinski, ITS Team Leader. You may wish to FAX your response to Mr. Zielinski at (510) 337-6703.

Sincerely,



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District Director

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