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Kazu Hayashida, Director
State Department Of Transportation
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WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Hayashida:

On June 29, 1998 FDA Investigator Kenneth M. Okihara conducted an inspection of the Honolulu International Airport located at 300 Rodgers Blvd., #12 Honolulu, HI, which provides water service to aircraft at the Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines maintenance facilities. The inspection was made in response to State of Hawaii reports concerning fecal coliform contamination of potable water in parts of the airport. Your operations at this site are in serious violation of the federal regulations for interstate conveyances, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1240 and Part 1250 (21 CFR 1240, 1250), and Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act. Observations made by FDA Investigator Okihara were listed on the FDA 483, Inspectional Observations, and were discussed with Mr. Robert Peru, Airport Operations Manager, at the conclusion of the inspection.

It is a violation of the Public Health Service Act to provide contaminated water to interstate carriers, which could lead to the spread of communicable diseases from one state to another. Your office was warned of this during a similar incident which occurred in 1991. The water supply at this airport is now "Provisionally Approved". A "Provisional" classification means that if an adequate response to these violations is not received within the specified period your facilities at the airport could be placed on "Not Approved", use prohibited status. This means no interstate conveyances could use the airport water supply to provide drinking water for their passengers or crew.

Please advise this office within fifteen (15) days of the steps your office has taken to preclude the recurrence of this contamination of the airport's potable water supplies. Failure to take prompt corrective action may result in appropriate regulatory action, such as injunction, without further notice. If corrective action cannot be completed in fifteen (15) working days, cite the reason for the delay and the time by which the corrective actions can be completed. Your response should be directed to:

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You may wish to FAX your response to Mr. Zielinski at (510) 337-6703.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure: FDA 483

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