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RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTERPRETATION #99-7

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SUBJECT: Sonic Drive Inn, Multi-Chemical Dispensing Tower Installation

It has come to the attention of this Department that Sonic Drive Inn retail food establishments have installed chemical towers above their three compartment warewashing sinks that dispense chemicals for dishwashing as well as other chemicals that can be used in the facility.

Section 7-103(B) of the Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations states the following:

7-103 Separation

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored so they do not contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, or single-service and single-use articles by:

B. Locating the poisonous or toxic materials in an area that is not above food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service or single-use articles. Except that equipment and utensil cleaners and sanitizers may be stored in warewashing areas for availability and convenience if such materials are stored to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, or single-service and single-use articles."

Locating any chemicals other than those used for the cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and utensils above the three compartment warewashing sink is in violation of the aforementioned rules and regulations and must be removed or located in another area. The corporate office for Sonic Drive Inn has been notified of this interpretation.

This interpretation is provided in conformance with FDA's comments on the same subject.

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