

Compliance Approaches to Emerging Threats

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Learning Objectives

- Describe CDER's compliance program
- Discuss recent CDER compliance cases
- Describe how the public can access FDA pharmaceutical inspection and compliance data

Oversight Responsibilities

Bioresearch monitoring



Drug manufacturing facilities



Post-market reporting



Drug registration and listing



Unapproved and misbranded drugs

ClinicalTrials.gov



Compounded drugs



Recalls and incident response



Drug supply chain: imports and exports



Unsafe online pharmacies

Mission

To shield the public from poor quality, unsafe and ineffective drugs through proactive compliance strategies and risk-based enforcement actions.



Compliance Tools

Stakeholder Engagement

Guidance
Training
Public Meetings
Transparency



Detect

Inspection review
Remote tools
Testing
Supply chain monitoring
Import surveillance
Safety signal monitoring



Advise

Warning and untitled letters
Inspection classification
Regulatory meetings
Public warnings
Import alerts



Mitigate

Recalls
Administrative detention
Seizures
Injunction actions



Compliance Activities

Data from fiscal year 2023



FDA



Compliance Actions

170

human drug warning letters issued by CDER's Office of Compliance and the Office of Regulatory Affairs

264

drug recall events classified totaling

1,178 recalled products

95

new import alerts added to help stop certain drug products from entering the U.S.

19,265

drug listings inactivated from FDA's Drug Registration and Listing System

9,778

Electronic certificates of pharmaceutical product issued to provide documentation of facilities' compliance with FDA standards

Compliance Reviews



Policy and Outreach

13

guidance documents issued

300+

compliance documents shared with foreign regulatory counterparts

10+

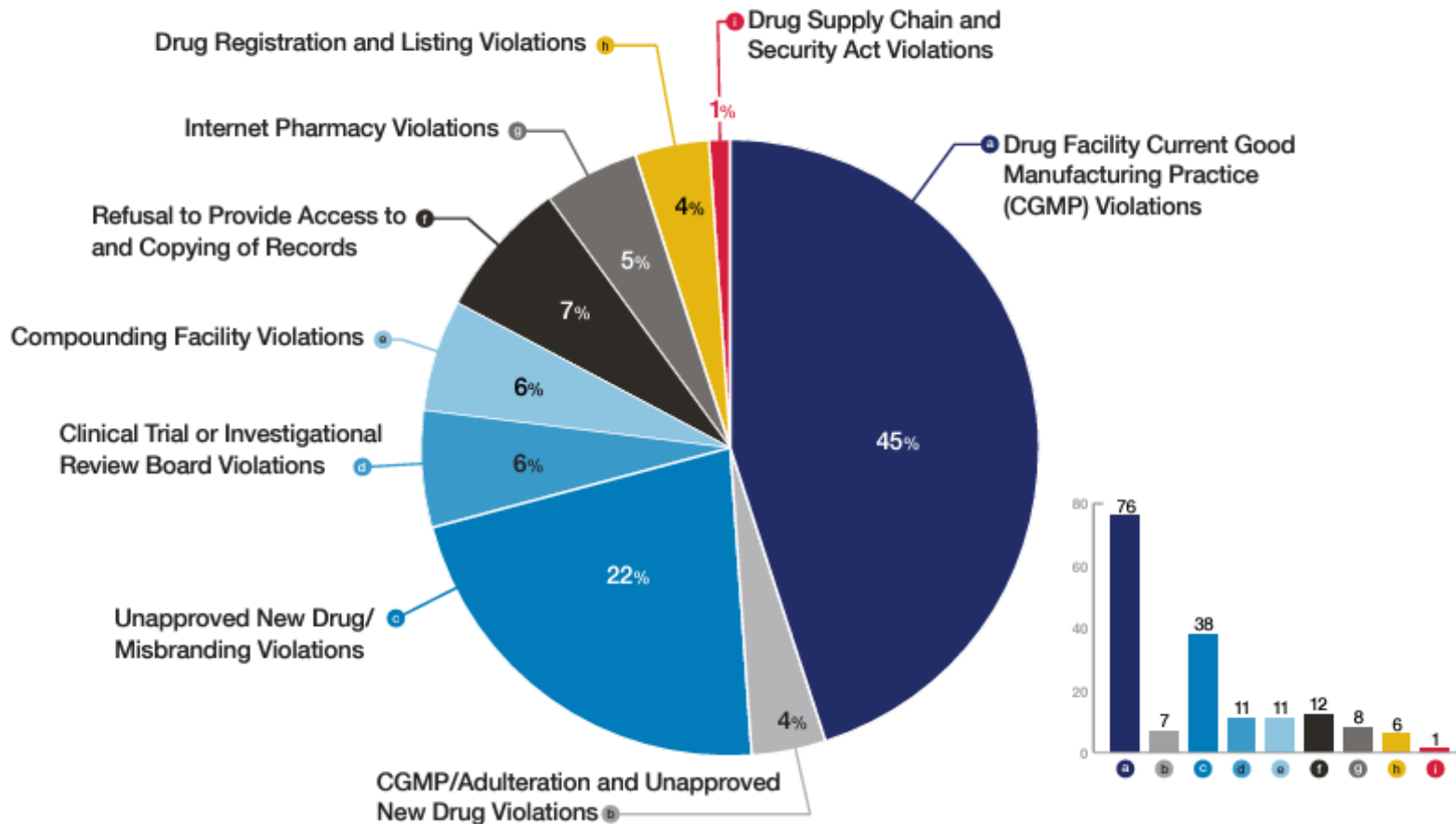
Presentations on FDA's YouTube channel

4,232

stakeholders who completed compounding training courses



Human Drug Warning Letters and Violations, FY23¹





Risk-Based Compliance Actions

*Emerging and evolving
threats require dynamic
compliance strategies.*



Safeguarding the Drug Supply Chain

Challenge Question

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- B. Free-up FDA resources to examine other shipments
- C. Alert FDA staff about the appearance of a violation
- D. All of the above

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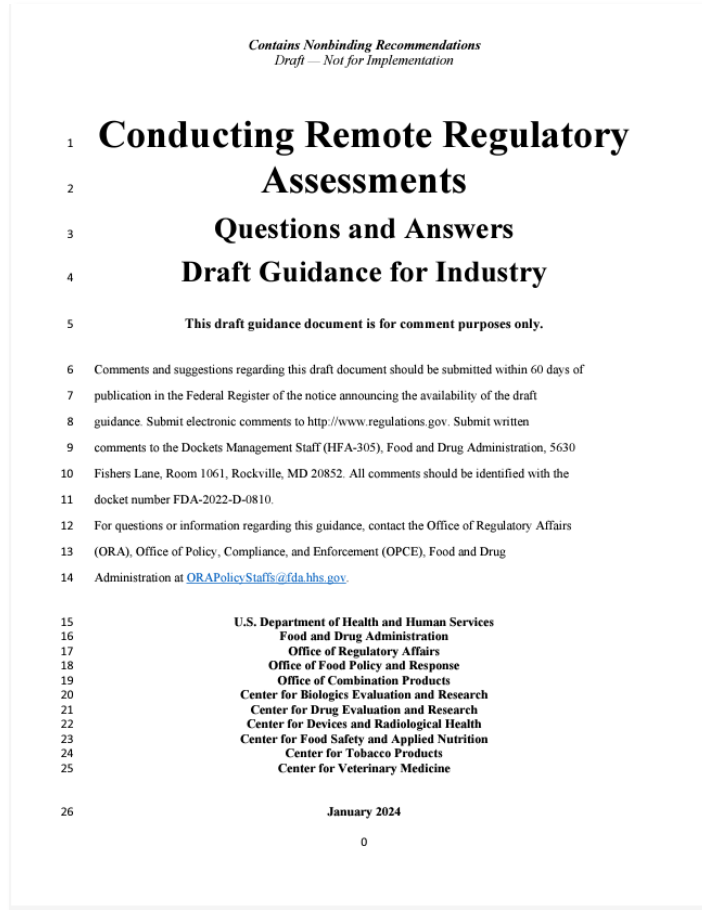
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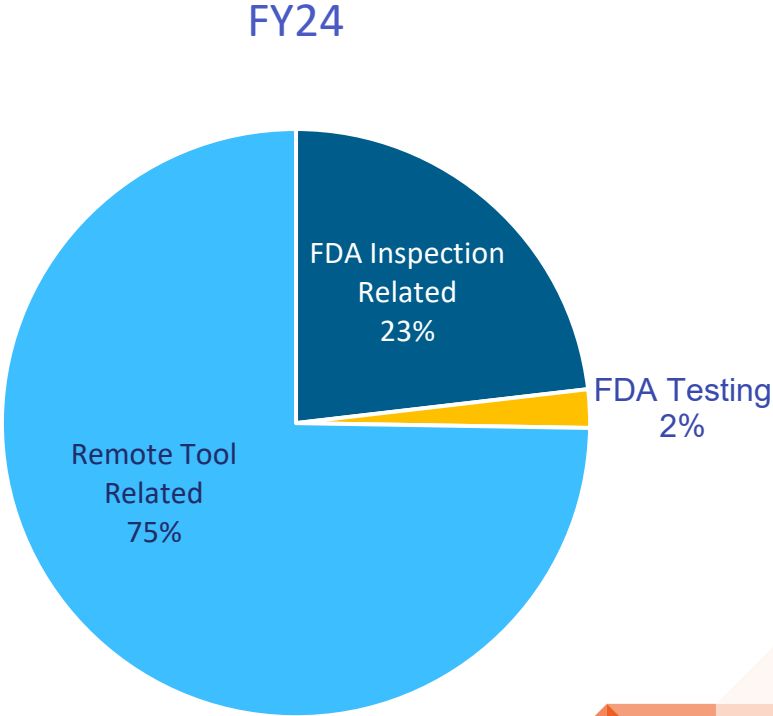
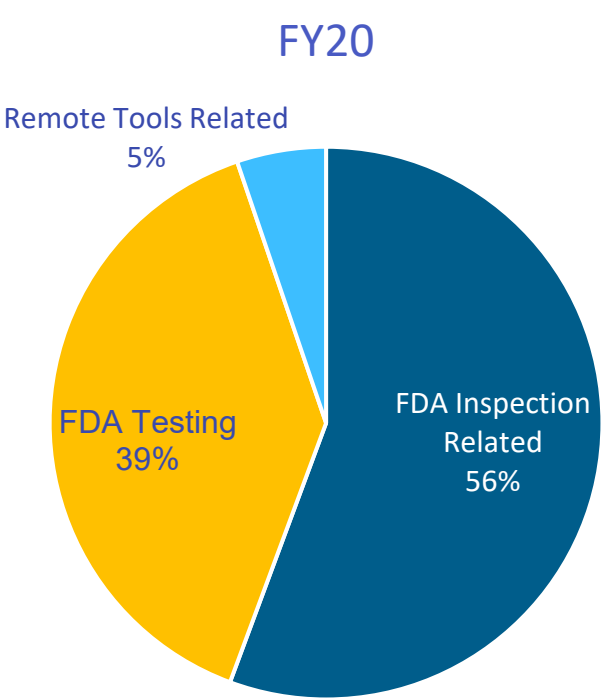
Remote Tools

FDA may utilize remote oversight tools such as remote interactive evaluations (RIEs) and requests for records or other information in advance of (or in lieu of) an inspection. Such remote tools are collectively referred to as “Remote Regulatory Assessments.”



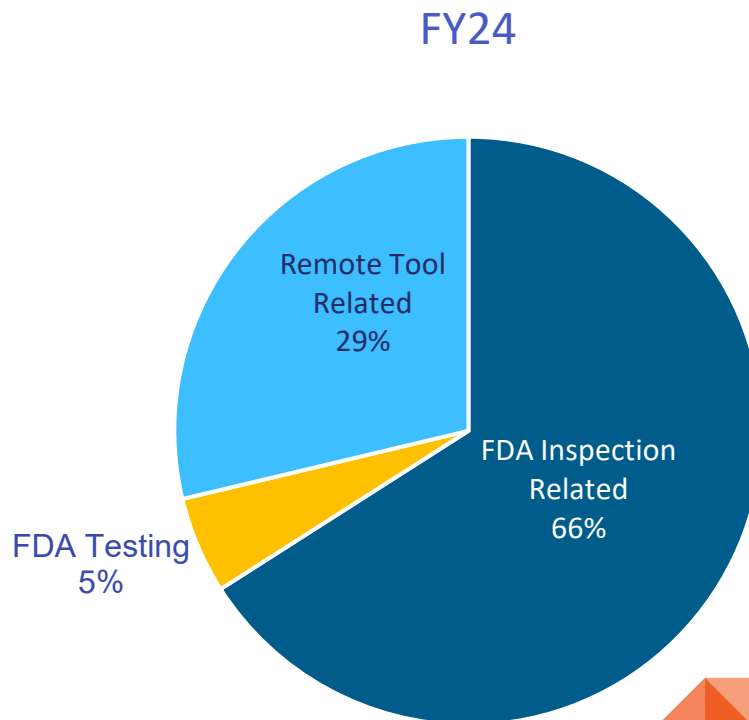
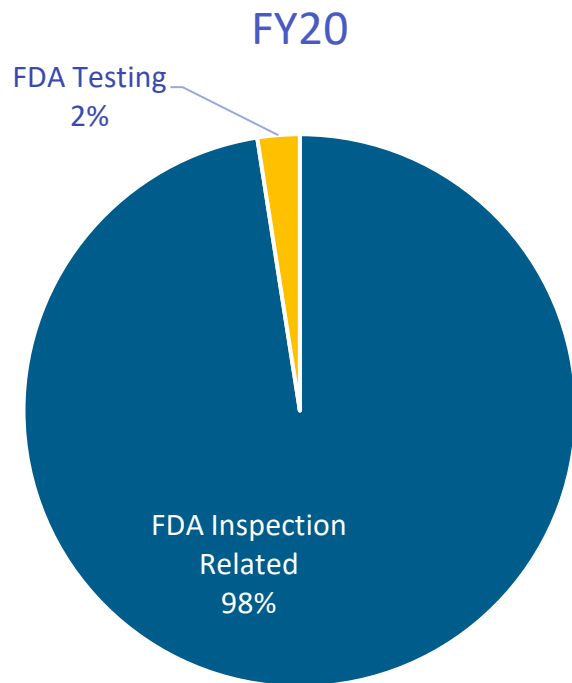
Import Alerts

Approach used to identify basis for addition to drug adulteration import alert



Drug Manufacturing Facility Warning Letters

Approach used to identify basis for addition to drug adulteration import alert, excluding compounders



21 U.S. Code § 331 - Prohibited Acts



The following acts and the causing thereof are prohibited:

- (a) The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of any food, drug, device, tobacco product, or cosmetic that is adulterated or misbranded.
- (b) The adulteration or misbranding of any food, drug, device, tobacco product, or cosmetic in interstate commerce.
- (c) The receipt in interstate commerce of any food, drug, device, tobacco product, or cosmetic that is adulterated or misbranded, and the delivery or proffered delivery thereof for pay or otherwise.
- (d) The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of any article in violation of section 344, 350d, 355, or 360bbb-3 of this title.

A close-up photograph of a person's eye being treated with eye drops. A white plastic dropper is positioned above the eye, with a single drop of liquid about to fall onto the cornea. The eye is green and appears slightly red. The person's hand is visible at the bottom, holding the dropper.

Ophthalmic Products

Ophthalmic drug products pose a potential heightened risk of harm to users because drugs applied to the eyes bypass some of the body's natural defenses.

Ophthalmic Compliance Activities

- Guidance
- Labeling review
- Consumer advisories
- Recall oversight
- Inspections
- Warning letters
- Import alerts

FDA NEWS RELEASE FDA Issues Warning Letters to Firms Marketing Unapproved Eye Products

Agency Warns Eight Companies Regarding Their Unapproved Ophthalmic Drugs

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued warning letters to eight companies for manufacturing or marketing unapproved ophthalmic drug products in violation of federal law. These warning letters are part of the agency's ongoing effort to protect Americans from potentially harmful ophthalmic products.

Eye products addressed in the eight warning letters are illegally marketed to treat conditions such as conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), cataracts, glaucoma and others. Some of the

Quality Considerations for Topical Ophthalmic Drug Products Guidance for Industry

DRAFT GUIDANCE

This guidance document is being distributed for comment purposes only.

Comments and suggestions regarding this draft document should be submitted within 90 days of publication in the Federal Register of the notice announcing the availability of the draft guidance. Submit electronic comments to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number listed in the notice of availability that publishes in the Federal Register.

For questions regarding this draft document, contact (CDER) Ranjani Prabhakar 240-402-4552.

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Revision 1

FDA warns consumers not to purchase or use certain methylsulfonylmethane (MSM) eye drops due to contamination

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[Update 8/30/2023] Dr. Berner's Whole Health Products voluntarily recalled Dr. Berner's MSM Drope 2% and 1.5% Solution Eye Drops due to bacterial and fungal contamination on August 26, 2023.

[8/22/2023] FDA is warning consumers not to purchase and to immediately stop using Dr. Berner's MSM Drope 2% Solution and LightEye MSM Eye Drops Eye Drops due to bacterial contamination, fungal contamination, or both.

Dr. Berner's products are distributed by Dr. Berner's Whole Health Products, LightEye's products are distributed by LightEye Limited.

FDA recommends consumers properly discard these products as FDA describes. Using contaminated eye drops could result in minor to serious vision-threatening infection which could possibly progress to a life threatening infection.

FDA is not aware of any adverse event reports associated with use of either products at

FDA warns consumers not to purchase or use certain eye drops from several major brands due to risk of eye infection

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[11/3/2023] Cardinal Health Inc. has initiated a voluntary recall for all lots of six [Leader](#) brand ophthalmic products. The list FDA provided on October 27 included five products branded as Leader. The list has been updated to include the sixth product.

Additionally, Harvard Drug Group LLC also initiated a voluntary nationwide recall for all lots of two [Rugby](#), [Lubrux](#) brand eye drops.

The agency has updated the list of products to include the national drug code (NDCs) that have been confirmed. FDA will provide additional information as it becomes available.

[10/20/2023] FDA is updating the list of over-the-counter eye drop products consumers should not purchase or use to include Equate Hydration PF Lubricant Eye Drop 10 mL sold by Walmart in stores and online. Walmart is removing the product from their store shelves and website.

[10/27/2023] FDA is warning consumers not to purchase and to immediately stop using all [Equine](#) brand eye drops due to the potential risk of eye infection that could result in partial vision loss or blindness. Patients who have signs or symptoms of an eye infection after using these products should talk to their health care provider or seek medical care immediately. These products are marketed under the following brands:

- CVS Health
- Leader (Cardinal Health)
- Rugby (Cardinal Health)



Unapproved Drugs



Online Marketplaces



Warning Letters Issued



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Outreach and Communication

Public Alerts



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ALERT** 
UPDATE



FDA

Pharmaceutical Inspections and Compliance

Webpage: [fda.gov/drugs/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information/pharmaceutical-inspections-and-compliance](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidance-compliance-regulatory-information/pharmaceutical-inspections-and-compliance)
CDER SBIA Webinar: [fda.gov/drugs/news-events-human-drugs/understanding-fda-inspections-and-data-09062023](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/news-events-human-drugs/understanding-fda-inspections-and-data-09062023)

How FDA Evaluates and Ensures Compliance

CGMP Inspections



FDA's Compliance Review



Inspection Classifications



FDA's Tools and Actions



More Information



[ORA Frequently Requested or Proactively Posted Compliance Records:](#)

Search publicly available Form FDA 483 inspection findings and other correspondence to FDA-regulated companies located within the U.S.




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Search for publicly available Form FDA 483 inspection findings, untitled letters and other correspondence to FDA-regulated companies located within or outside of the U.S.



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FDA Data Dashboard



<https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/index.htm>



Inspections

U.S. domestic and foreign inspections by fiscal year, classification, product type, etc.



Compliance Actions

Warning letters, injunctions and seizures by fiscal year, product type, etc.



Recalls

Recalls by fiscal year, classification, product type, status, etc.



Imports Summary

Imports summary data by fiscal year, import lines, product categories, countries, etc.



Import Refusals

Import refusals by fiscal year, product categories, country, divisions, etc.

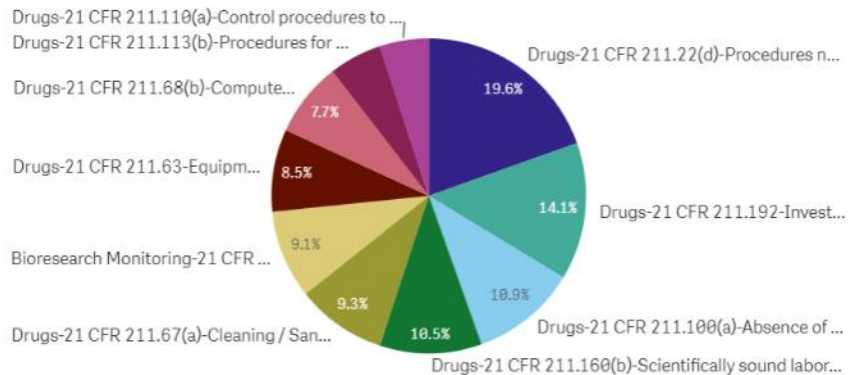


Imports Entry

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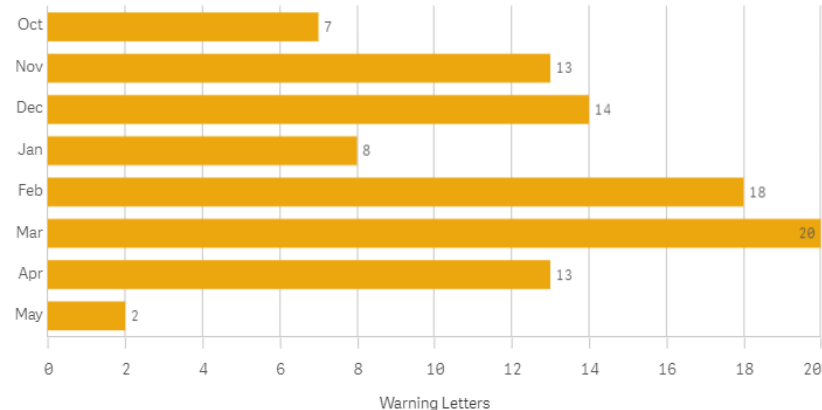
Top 10 Citations

Fiscal Years: 2023



Warning Letters by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Years: 2024



Act/CFR Number	Short Description	Long Description
FDCA 505-1(f)(4)	Failure to comply with REMS Implementation System	An application holder did not maintain the drug distribution and dispensing records to ensure restricted distribution, as required by your approved REMS Implementation System.
21 CFR 211.192	Written record of investigation incomplete	Written records of investigations into unexplained discrepancies do not include the conclusions and follow-up.
21 CFR 314.81(b)(1)(ii)	Failure to meet specifications	An NDA-Field Alert Report was not submitted within three working days of receipt of information concerning a failure of one or more distributed batches of a drug to meet the specifications established for it in the application.
21 CFR 211.110(a)	Control procedures to monitor and validate performance	Control procedures are not established which monitor the output and validate the performance of those manufacturing processes that may be responsible for causing variability in the characteristics of in-process material and the drug product.

Public Events

Upcoming

- Jun. 17-18: DSCSA Stabilization Period Midway Checkpoint
- Jul. 25-26: FDA Online Controlled Substances Summit
- Aug. 21-23: Compounding Center of Excellence Annual Conference
- Sep. 9-11: FDA/PDA Joint Regulatory Conference
- Drug Registration and Listing Annual Conference

Past

- See CDER SBIA online training listings

UNIFIED COMPLIANCE



Summary

- We are dedicated to addressing persistent and emerging threats
- We will use all available tools to safeguard consumers from public health risks



Questions?

