

FDA Seattle District Division of Human and Animal Foods Welcome and Updates

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Objectives

- Provide Updates/Overview of FDA/District Programs
- Inspections and common violations (this is a popular industry)
- Recall Readiness
- Better Together – Collaboration, Coordination, Continuous Improvement for the best public health outcomes



Overview of FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs Seattle District Office (SEA-DO)

The Seattle District Office (SEA-DO) is located in Bothell, Washington and encompasses Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Maintain longstanding relationships with state and local public health agencies, academia, and regulated industry to protect and promote public health in the region.

Who We Are

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Who We Are

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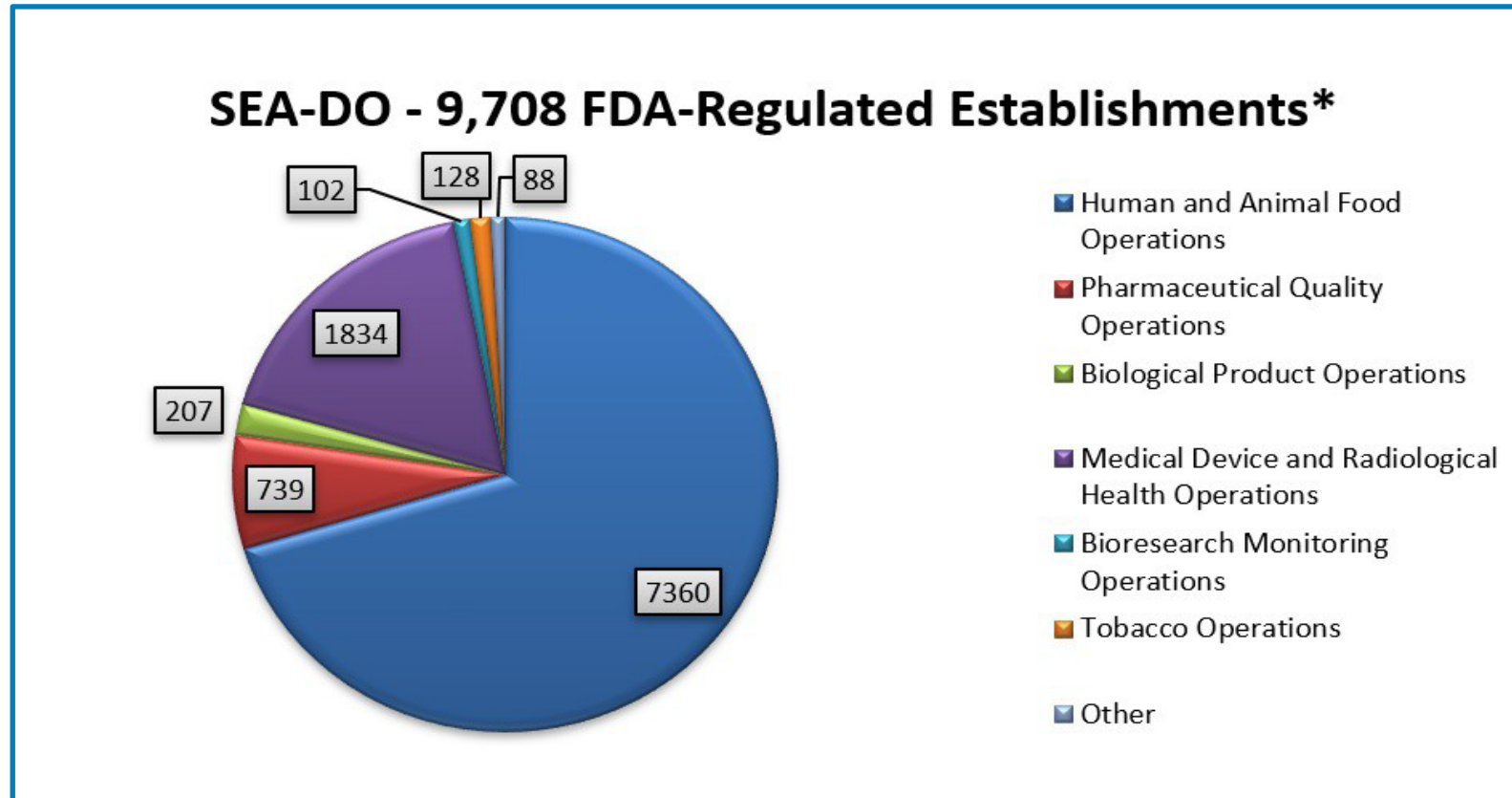
FDA staff work in a range of program areas and locations geographically dispersed across the Five State Area

- Total locations: 13
- Resident Posts: **12** + **1** District Office
- Laboratories: **1**

- Approximately 250 Employees all Programs
- Human and Animal Food Division West 6



What We Do



Where We Are

Alaska Anchorage Resident Post (RP)

Idaho Boise RP, Eastport RP*

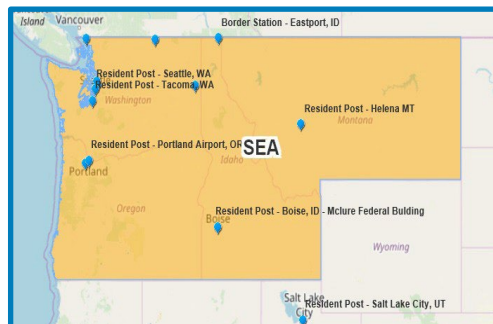
Montana Helena RP and Sweetgrass RP*

Oregon Portland RP(Beaverton) and Rose City RP (Portland)

Washington Blaine RP*, Oroville RP*, Spokane RP, Tacoma RP, Puget Sound RP (Seattle)

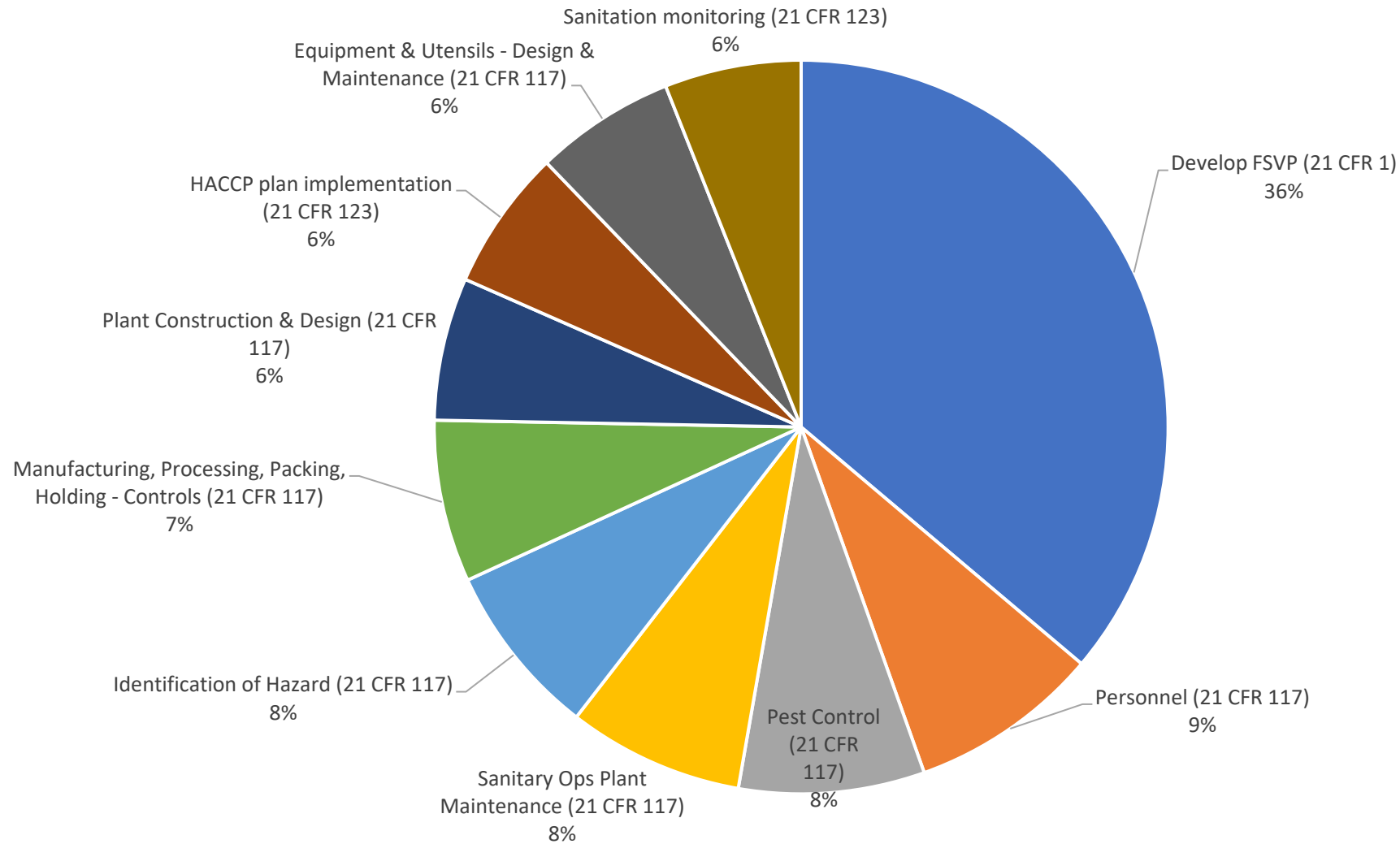
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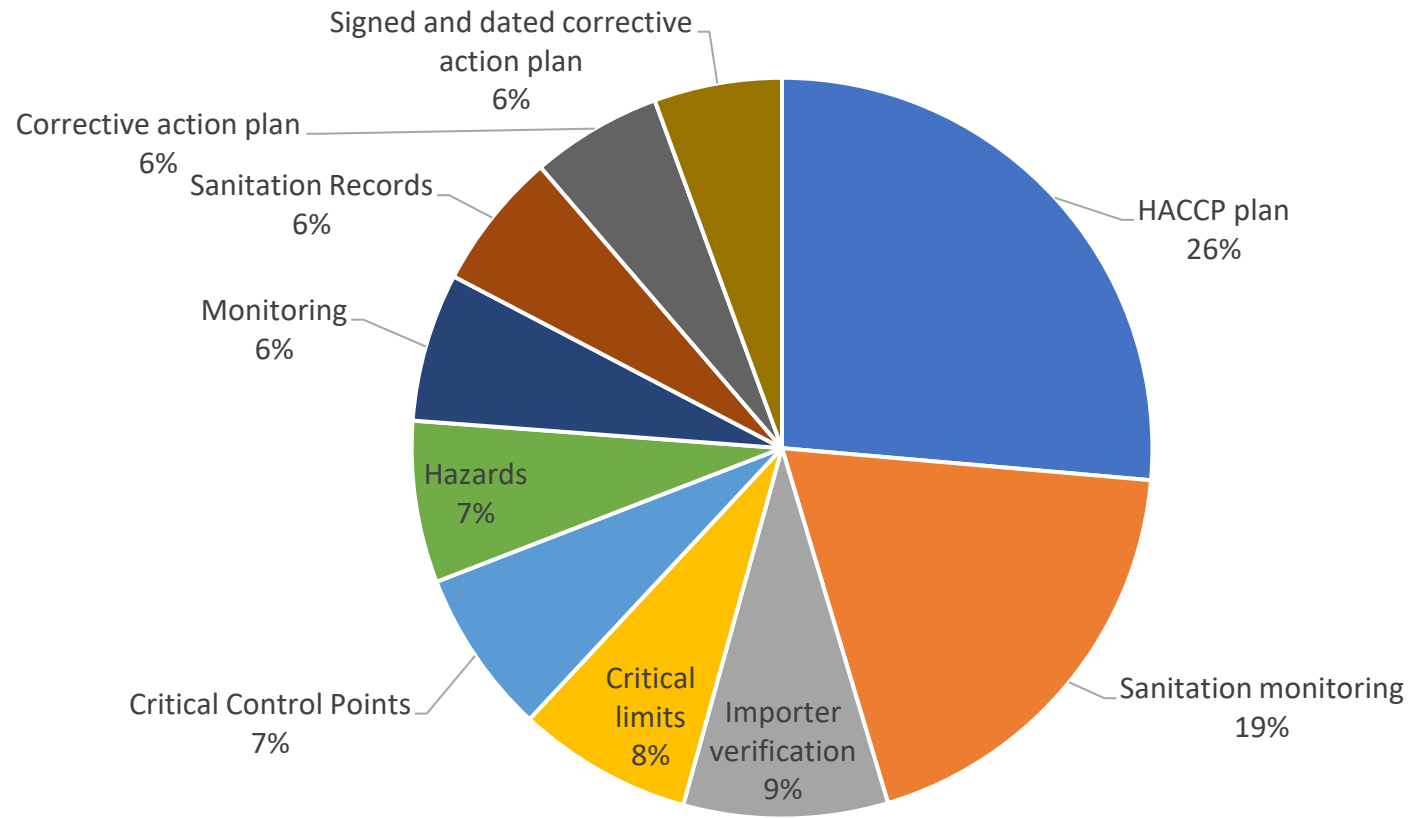


Top 10 General Observations (FY19 – FY22)



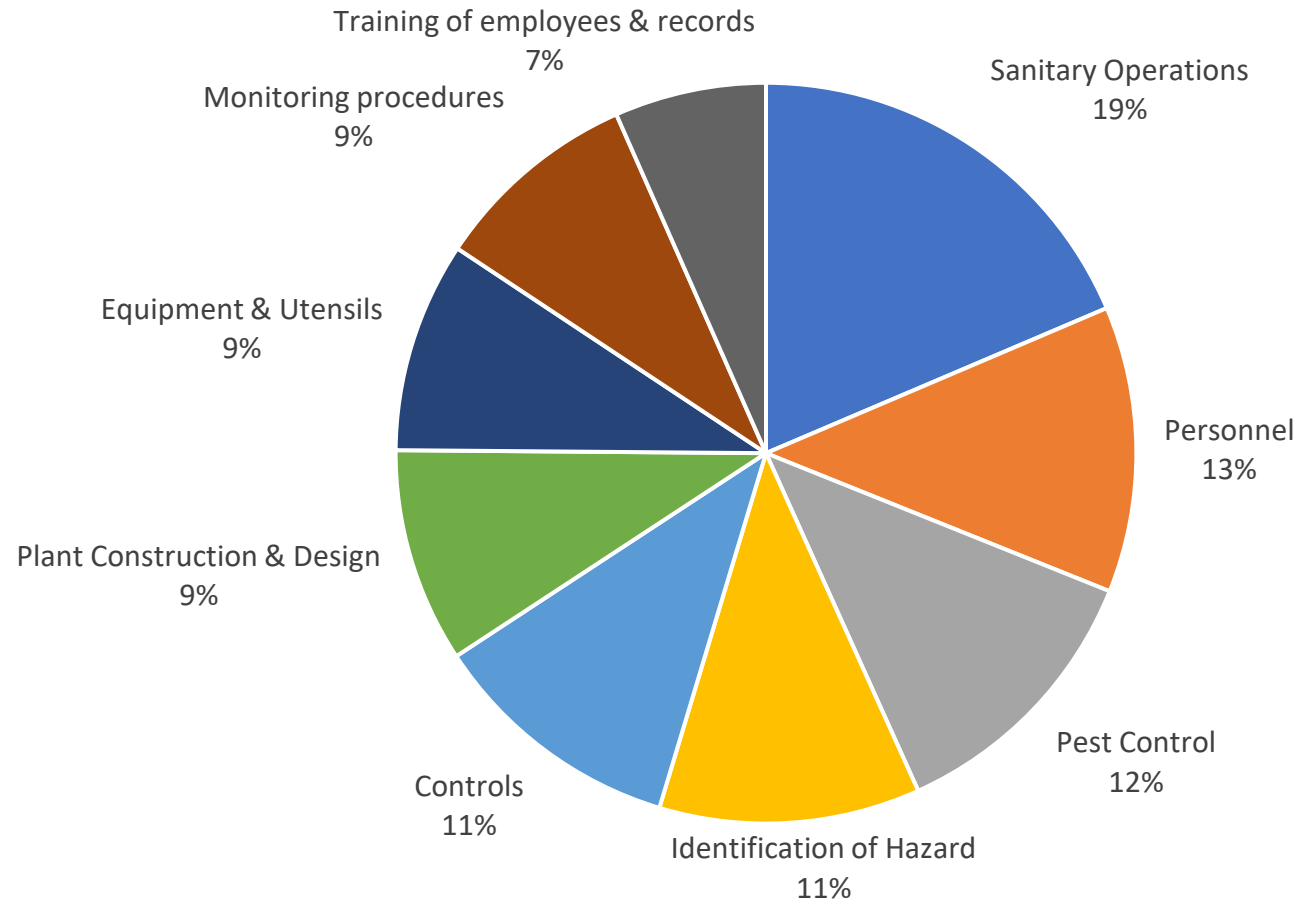


Top 10 Seafood Observations, 21 CFR 123





Top 10 Preventive Controls Observations, 21 CFR 117





Recall Ready

‘Recall Ready’ to Protect Public Health as Part of Final Guidance for Voluntary Recalls – March 3, 2022

- **Topic-specific:**
- Recommendations for contingency planning for voluntary recalls and prompt recall initiation when appropriate
- Provide industry policy and process recommendations to better, more quickly protect the American public when products need to be recalled
- Guidance is part of a larger effort FDA has undertaken, provides additional guidance to industry and FDA staff regarding the execution and oversight of voluntary recalls - 21 CFR part 7, Subpart C

[FDA Urges Companies to be ‘Recall Ready’ to Protect Public Health as Part of Final Guidance for Voluntary Recalls](#)



Recall Ready

- Focus to help expedite industry action of a voluntary recall by taking key steps to be “Recall Ready”
- Recommends adequate product coding, maintain distribution records to facilitate faster, more accurate recall actions
- Encourages recalling companies to use electronic communications to quickly identify and provide certain product information when alerting consignees and the public about a voluntary recall.



Recall Ready

[Initiation of Voluntary Recalls Under 21 CFR Part 7, Subpart C](#)

- Encourages firms to maintain contingency plans and to prepare for a recall before one is needed
- Promotes quick action to minimize the exposure to potentially dangerous or violative products
- Highlights requirements for certain regulated products, such as reporting and product coding
- Provides FDA resources available, including access to FDA recall coordinators
- Templates and related recall guidance
- Provides FDA policy for when it will recommend a firm initiate a voluntary recall



Recall Ready

Recent years FDA has made proactive and systemic improvements to recall processes,
Issued guidance on:

- [Public availability of lists of retail consignees to effectuate certain human and animal food recalls](#)
- [Mandatory recalls](#) for human and animal foods
- [Public warnings and notifications for all FDA-regulated products](#)
- Post new recalls to the FDA's weekly [Enforcement Reports](#),

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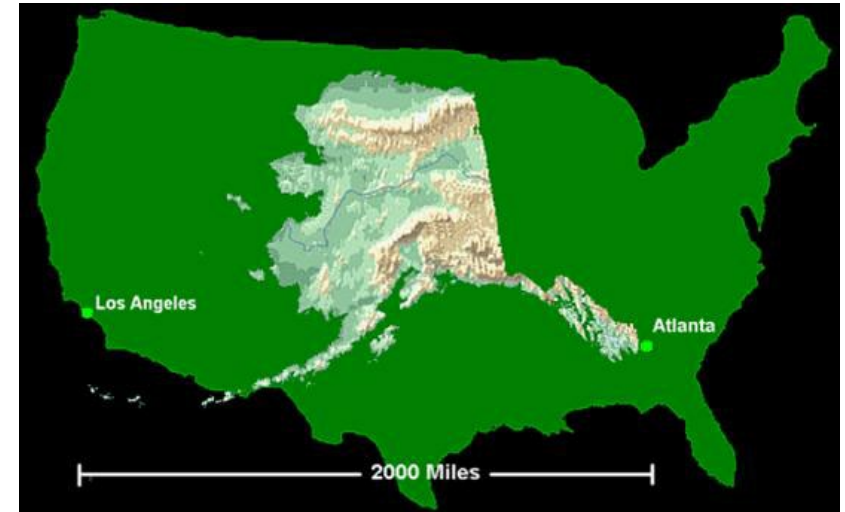
- Related References
- [Recalls, Market Withdrawals & Safety Alerts](#)
- [Industry Guidance for Recalls](#)
- [Foodborne Outbreak Response Improvement Plan](#)



Working Together

- **Collaboration**
Working together
- **Coordination**
Let's get this done
- **Continuous improvement**
Let's improve and learn

We will get there **TOGETHER**
#strongertogether



Questions?

