FDA Assistance to Industry

Marie Falcone

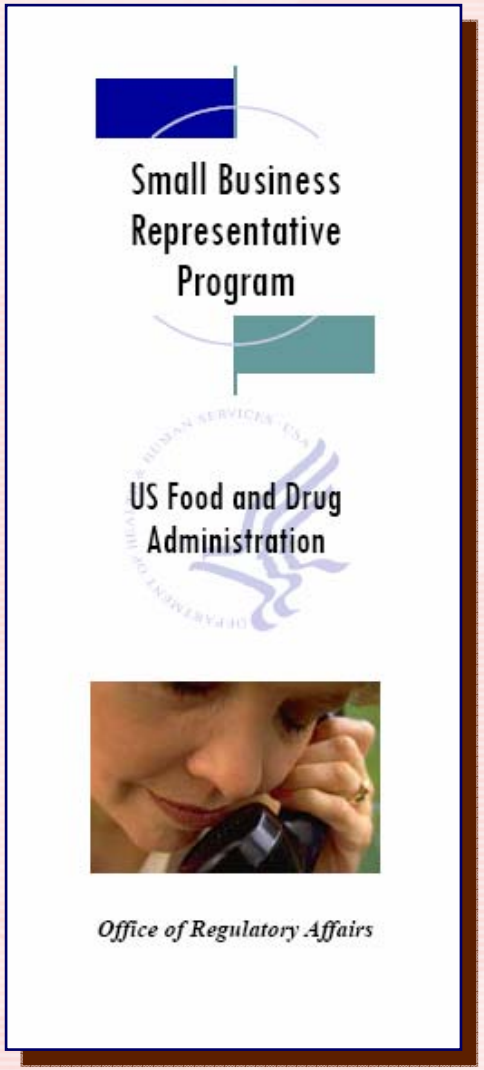
FDA ORA CER Small Business Representative

Presentation Agenda

1. The Small Business Representative
2. Staying informed
3. Solving problems
4. Communicating your views to the agency

The Small Business Representative

- Assist industry and entrepreneurs
  - Facilitate access to guidance, policies, regulations, and laws enforced by FDA
  - Provide technical assistance
  - Act as liaison

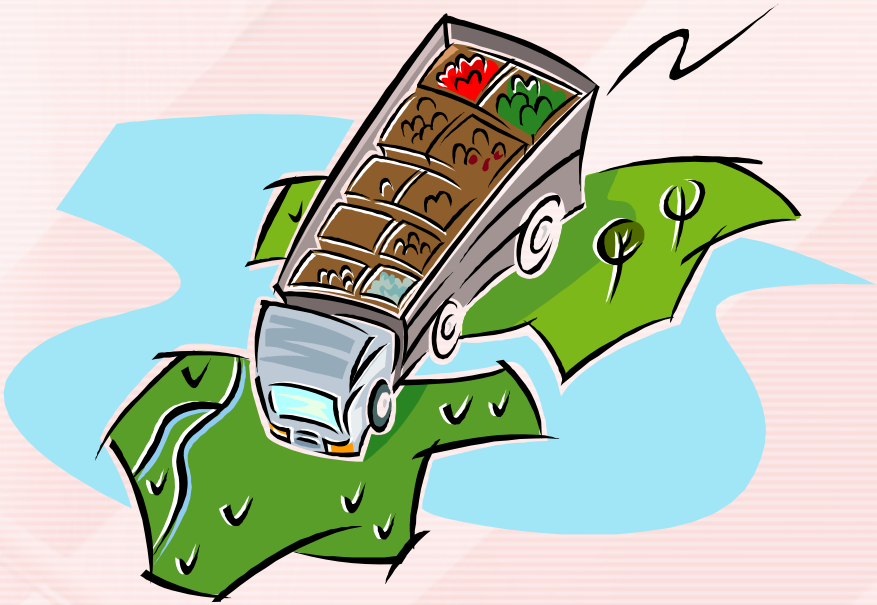


SBR Customers

- Small businesses
- Entrepreneurs
- Start-ups
- Professional associations
- Industry associations
- Consultants
- Corporations

FDA Jurisdiction

- Foods
- Drugs
- Biologics
- Cosmetics
- Medical devices
- Veterinary products
- Radiation-emitting products



SBR On-Site Visits

- Voluntary review
- At industry's request
- Confidential
- Cursory, brief
- Limited by schedule and budget

SBR Confidentiality

- All FDA employees are prohibited by law from divulging trade secret or confidential information

SBR Limitations

- Not available when an open inspection reveals conditions that may warrant enforcement action
  - FDA 483 objectionable observations
  - Warning letter
  - Import detention

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- District of Columbia
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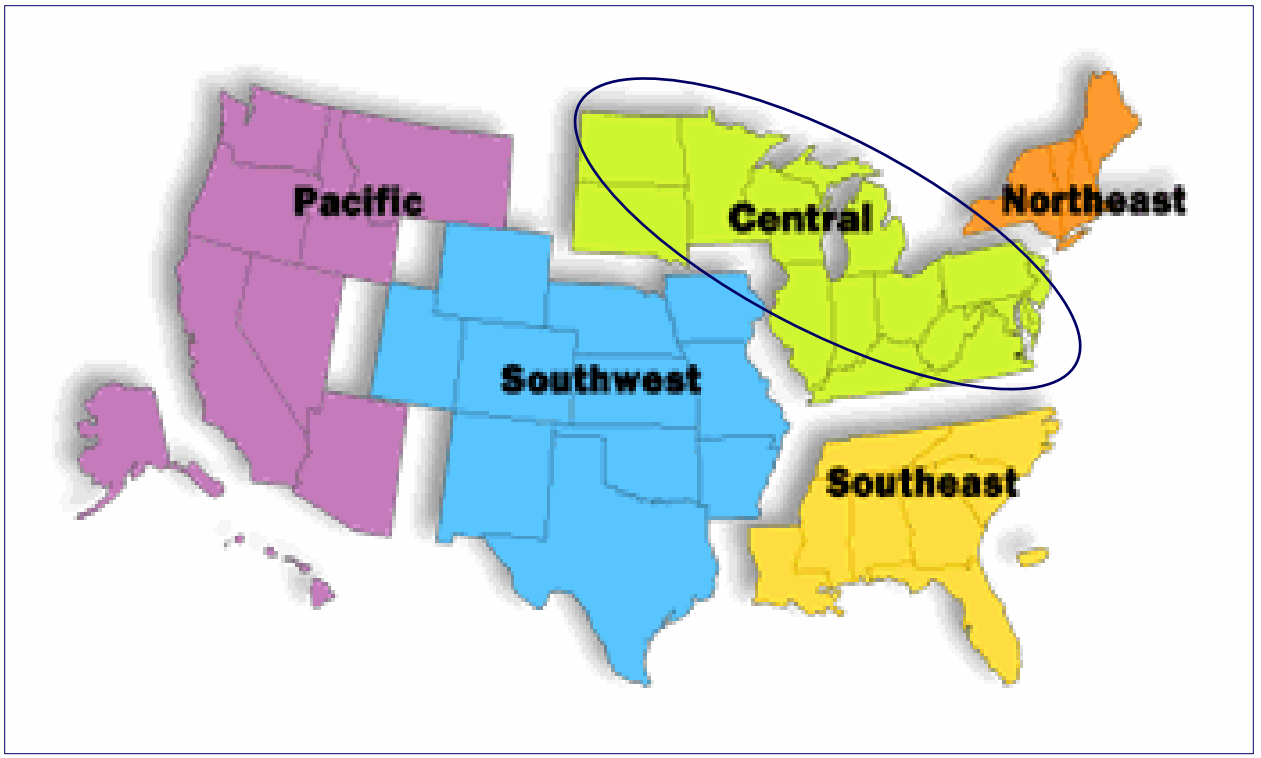

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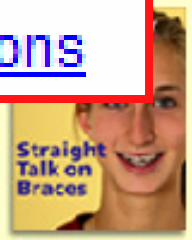

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- The basic enabling authority enacted by Congress
  - Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FD&C)
  - FDA Modernization Act (FDAMA)
  - Orphan Drug Act
  - Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA)
  - Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA)

What are Regulations?

- Implement the provisions of the law based on the authority provided by the law
- The development of regulations must follow specific procedures that allow public notice and comment
- Legally binding on industry and the agency

The Federal Register

- Official daily publication
  - Notices
  - Proposed Rules
  - Final Rules
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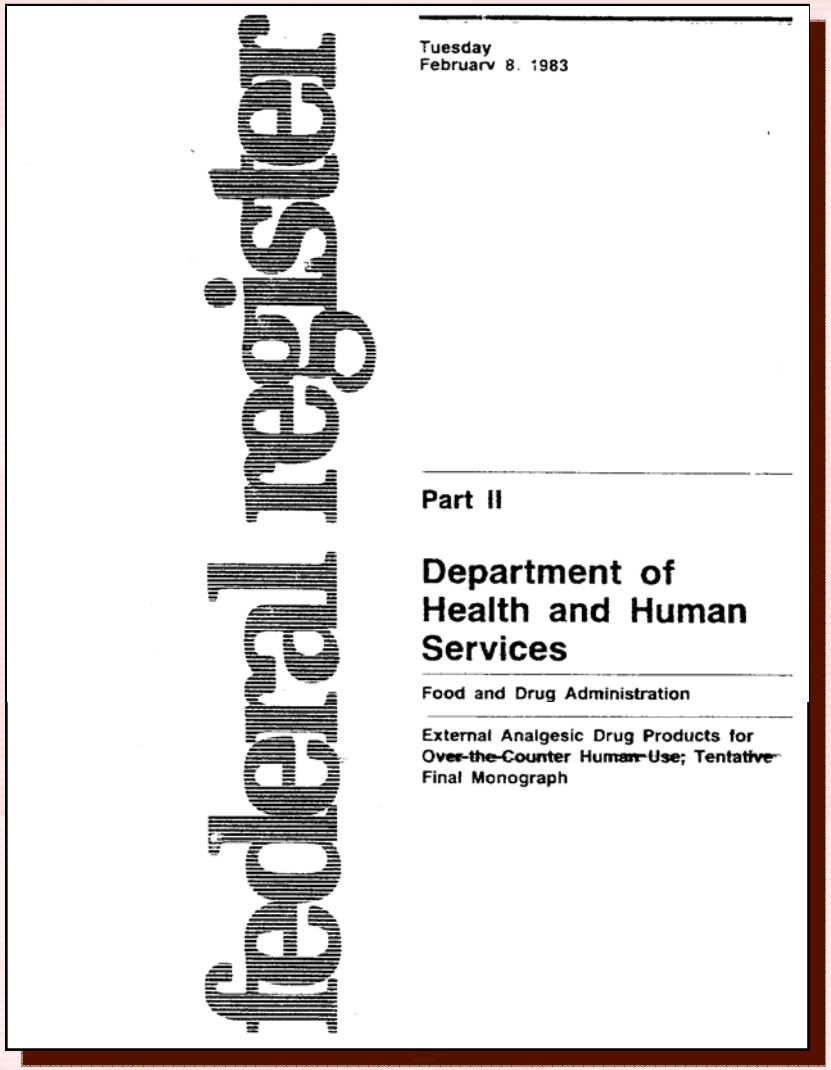
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- Title 21
  Food and Drugs
- Published yearly
- Free online through
  - http://www.gpo.gov
  - http://www.fda.gov
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  at 1-866-512-1800

Semi-Annual Unified Agenda

- Identifies regulations under development throughout the federal government
- Primarily ANPRM, NPRM, and Final Rule expected in the next 12 months
- Published twice a year
  - http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ua/
- Most recently on October 31, 2005
  - FR Vol. 70, No. 209

Semi-Annual Unified Agenda

- Status of regulation
  - Pre-Rule Stage: agency to determine whether or how to initiate rulemaking
  - Proposed Rule Stage: NPRM not issued yet
  - Final Rule Stage: Final or Interim Final Rule not issued yet
  - Long Term Actions

FDA Semi-Annual Unified Agenda

- The FDA portion of the Semi-Annual Unified Agenda
- http://www.fda.gov/oc/industry/unifiedagenda/agenda.html

Guidance Documents...

...Policy Statements and Advisory Opinions

- Serve to provide the Agency's interpretation of the law and applicable regulations
- The preamble to a regulation has the status of an advisory opinion
- Are not legally binding on the public or the agency

Applicable Guidance

- FDA Comprehensive List of Guidance Documents, FR 1/5/2005
  - http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/05-155.htm
  - http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/industry/guidedc.htm
- Additional listings under each Center web site

Obsolete Guidance

- Watch out for new, revised, and withdrawn guidance documents
- Expired documents remain online for historic reference
- Most documents will state if they have been superceded by newer or revised documents

Expected Guidance

- FDA Annual Guidance Agenda
  - Most recent published on the Federal Register of July 9, 2004
    - http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/04-15660.htm
  - Contains possible guidance topics
  - Organized by Center, then category

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FDA Annual Guidance Agenda

- Example from the July 9, 2004, issue
  - Centralized Institutional Review Boards in Multicenter Trials
- Once a draft guidance document issues, FDA assigns a unique Docket Number
- This document opens a comment period that is usually of 60 days

FDA Public Meetings and Workshops

- Announced in the Federal Register
- Posted in many professional and industry association web sites and newsletters
- Broadcasted in various FDA mailing lists
- Publicized throughout the FDA and Center web sites

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- cder/calendar/
- cdrh/dsma/workshop.html
- cber/meetings.htm
- cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/vidtel.html

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- Most are listed here:
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- FDA GCPP mailing list:
  - http://www.fda.gov/oc/gcp/
- CDER Small Business mailing list:
- http://www.fda.gov/cder/about/smallbiz/default.htm

Documents Through FOIA

- Documents not originally prepared for public distribution are available under the Freedom of Information Act
- Documents are purged of confidential and trade secret information
- FDA assesses fees to cover costs of document research, redaction, reproduction, and mailing
- No phone or e-mail requests

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- Use the “Handbook for FOI Requests”
  - http://www.fda.gov/opacom/backgrounders/foiahand.html
- Mail to:
  FDA FOI Staff (HFI-35)
  5600 Fishers Lane
  Rockville, MD 20857
- Fax to:
  301-443-1726

Contacting the Centers

- Visit the GCP contacts page at www.fda.gov/oc/gcp/contactogcp.html
  Refer to your handouts
- Contact your regional Small Business Representative for referral information

Comment on Proposed Rules, etc.

- Visit the Division of Dockets Management at http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/
- Search using the docket number or browse the dockets list by year
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7. Contact the National Ombudsman

Contact Information Resources

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  - http://www.fda.gov/ora/Inspect_ref/iom/IOMORADIR.html
  - HHS Employee Directory
  - http://directory.psc.gov/employee.htm
- Your Regional Small Business Representative

FDA Ombudsman

- The FDA Ombudsman explores complaints and assist in resolving disputes between companies or individuals and agency offices
  - http://www.fda.gov/oc/ombudsman/homepage.htm
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