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**About the Cover:**

Environmental health professionals often describe restaurant inspections as “snapshots” of food safety conditions. In this view, inspections provide a limited understanding of ongoing conditions because they capture just one moment in time. But as reported in this month’s feature article, “Recurrent Critical Violations of the *Food Code* in Retail Food Service Establishments,” inspection records can provide sequential insights over time, helping to clarify patterns of violations among types of establishments, identify risk factors, and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions. Half of all violations, for instance, were found to be repeat violations—a situation illustrated on our cover by a sequence of repeating snapshots.

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