

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

1. Will this be a new contract

Answer: Yes

2. Why there are two, apparently overlapping, solicitations to test OTC products for the presence of benzene? How are they different? The first appears to have close one year ago on August 3, 2022. Was this contract awarded or can you tell me the current status? How is it related to the second solicitation, published this week?

Answer:

2022: Reference No. FDA-SB-22-1257734: this solicitation was awarded, and the contract is nearing completion. Testing was performed on specific types of OTC aerosol sprays requiring specialized validated test methods due to unique matrix and formulation issues.

2023: Solicitation number FDA-RFP - 75F40123R00140: this solicitation builds on the 2022 work with a primary focus on developing new validated test methods for different formulations of OTC aerosol sprays than previously tested in 2022.

In combination, these two contracts aim to test a wide variety of OTC aerosol products with varying formulations, and establish validated test methods to quantify benzene at very low levels (in parts per billion).