§ 1271.195 Environmental control and monitoring.

(a) Environmental control. Where environmental conditions could reasonably be expected to cause contamination or cross-contamination of HCT/Ps or equipment, or accidental exposure of HCT/Ps to communicable disease agents, you must adequately control environmental conditions and provide proper conditions for operations. Where appropriate, you must provide for the following control activities or systems:

(1) Temperature and humidity controls;
(2) Ventilation and air filtration;
(3) Cleaning and disinfecting of rooms and equipment to ensure aseptic processing operations; and
(4) Maintenance of equipment used to control conditions necessary for aseptic processing operations.

(b) Inspections. You must inspect each environmental control system periodically to verify that the system, including necessary equipment, is adequate and functioning properly. You must take appropriate corrective action as necessary.

(c) Environmental monitoring. You must monitor environmental conditions where environmental conditions could reasonably be expected to cause contamination or cross-contamination of HCT/Ps or equipment, or accidental exposure of HCT/Ps to communicable disease agents. Where appropriate, you must provide environmental monitoring for microorganisms.

(d) Records. You must document, and maintain records of, environmental control and monitoring activities.

§ 1271.200 Equipment.

(a) General. To prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases, equipment used in the manufacture of HCT/Ps must be of appropriate design for its use and must be suitably located and installed to facilitate operations, including cleaning and maintenance. Any automated, mechanical, electronic, or other equipment used for inspection, measuring, or testing in accordance with this part must be capable of producing valid results. You must clean, sanitize, and maintain equipment according to established schedules.

(b) Procedures and schedules. You must establish and maintain procedures for cleaning, sanitizing, and maintaining equipment to prevent malfunctions, contamination or cross-contamination, accidental exposure of HCT/Ps to communicable disease agents, and other events that could reasonably be expected to result in the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases.

(c) Calibration of equipment. Where appropriate, you must routinely calibrate according to established procedures and schedules all automated, mechanical, electronic, or other equipment used for inspection, measuring, and testing in accordance with this part.

(d) Inspections. You must routinely inspect equipment for cleanliness, sanitization, and calibration, and to ensure adherence to applicable equipment maintenance schedules.

(e) Records. You must document and maintain records of all equipment maintenance, cleaning, sanitizing, calibrating, and other activities performed in accordance with this section. You must display records of recent maintenance, cleaning, sanitizing, calibrating, and other activities performed in accordance with this section.