

which are updated regularly. If students become involved in biomanufacturing for pharmaceuticals, they will need to consult these sources. However, certain key concepts do not change. These concepts are written documentation, consistency of procedures, consistency of product, and demonstrable measures of product quality, particularly purity and safety. These tasks are demanding and require careful attention to detail. Bioprocess engineers will often find that much of their effort will be to satisfy these regulatory requirements.

The key point is that process changes cannot be made without considering their considerable regulatory impact.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER READING

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PROBLEMS

- 1.1. What is GMP and how does it relate to the regulatory process for pharmaceuticals?
- 1.2. When the FDA approves a process, it requires *validation* of the process. Explain what validation means in the FDA context.
- 1.3. Why does the FDA approve the process and product together?