



NWCG Equipment Technology Committee
Equipment Bulletin



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Subject: Urgent Recall – Altaire Pharmaceuticals Eye Wash Solution

Medical Kit Changes – Urgent Recall of Altaire Pharmaceuticals Eye Wash Solution

Altaire Pharmaceuticals, Inc., issued an Urgent Drug Recall regarding specific lots of their eye wash solution (attached). As a precautionary measure, the products are being recalled due to concerns regarding the sufficiency of Quality Assurance controls over critical systems in the manufacturing facility. The recalled item may be found in medical kits supplied through National Interagency Support Cache (NISC) system or by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Please take action as appropriate.

NISC System Kits affected by the recall:

- NFES 1760 Incident Medical Support Kit,
- NFES 1727 Trauma Bag,
- NFES 1143 (25) person first aid kit (red nylon bag), and
- NFES 1604 20 to 25 person kit (metal case).

This item has been removed from all affected kits within the NISC system. Incident management teams will be notified by the servicing NISC to purchase this item locally as needed. This recall may affect other medical or first aid kits found in offices, vehicles and other locations that include eye wash.

Link to Altaire Pharmaceuticals Urgent Drug Recall Press Release:

<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/committee/docs/etc-eb-2019-04a.pdf>

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