



## UCS 2006 Food and Drug Administration Survey Compared to the 2002 Health and Human Services Inspector General Survey

In 2002, the Department of Health and Human Service’s Office of the Inspector General (IG) asked 846 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) scientists from the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) a 52 question survey. The IG received responses from approximately 396 scientists.

In 2006, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) distributed a 38-question survey to 5,918 scientists at the Food and Drug Administration, including 1,303 in CDER. These additional questions were answered by 219 scientists. Below are the three questions that were asked on both the 2002 IG Survey and the 2006 UCS survey, along with the responses to both surveys.

The responses to both surveys are similar, demonstrating consistency between UCS’ survey and the officially sanctioned IG survey. However, where the responses deviate, they demonstrate an increase in the level of concern and lack of confidence in the science based work of the FDA from 2002 to 2006.

### A. Have you ever been pressured to approve or recommend approval for an NDA [New Drug Application] despite reservations about the safety, efficacy, or quality of the drug?

<u>IG</u>		<u>UCS</u>
18%	YES	19%
82%	NO	81%

### B. How confident are you that CDER’s final decisions adequately assess the safety of a drug?

<u>IG</u>		<u>UCS</u>
13%	completely confident	11%
52%	mostly confident	46%
31%	somewhat confident	30%
5%	not at all confident	12%
	not applicable	1%

### C. Are you confident that FDA adequately monitors the safety of prescription drugs once they are on the market?

<u>IG</u>		<u>UCS</u>
6%	completely confident	4%
28%	mostly confident	28%
47%	somewhat confident	37%
19%	not at all confident	29%
	not applicable	3%