

FDA finds contamination concerns at Ameridose

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(AP)—Federal health inspectors have found more than a dozen sterility problems, including insects, at a drugmaking facility with the same founders as the specialty pharmacy linked to a deadly meningitis outbreak.

The [Food and Drug Administration](#) has released the results of a monthlong inspection of Ameridose, a Westborough, Mass.-based company that makes a variety of injectable drugs.

Inspectors say they found insects within 10 feet of a supposedly sterile area where drugs are manufactured. In another case, inspectors reported a bird flying into a room where drugs are stored.

Ameridose agreed to shut down for inspection in October after tainted steroids from its sister company, the New England Compounding Center, were linked to a fungal [meningitis outbreak](#) that's spread to 19 states and caused 32 deaths.

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