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# A Random Walk Down Risk Street

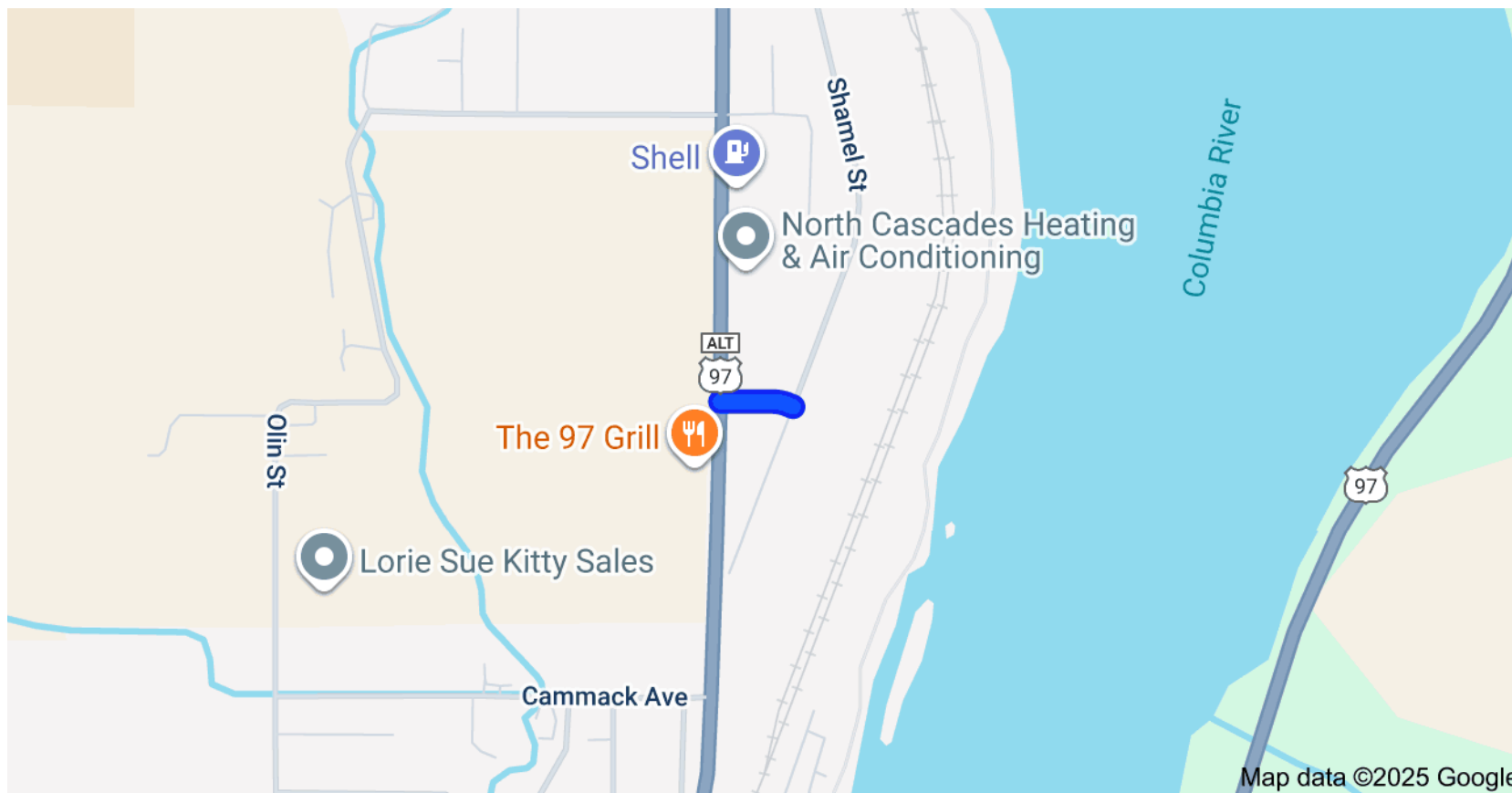


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Q: Where is Risk Street? A: Entiat, WA 98822





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## What aspects of risk are we going to talk about?

- Perspectives from some recent meetings
- Case Study Warning Letter –

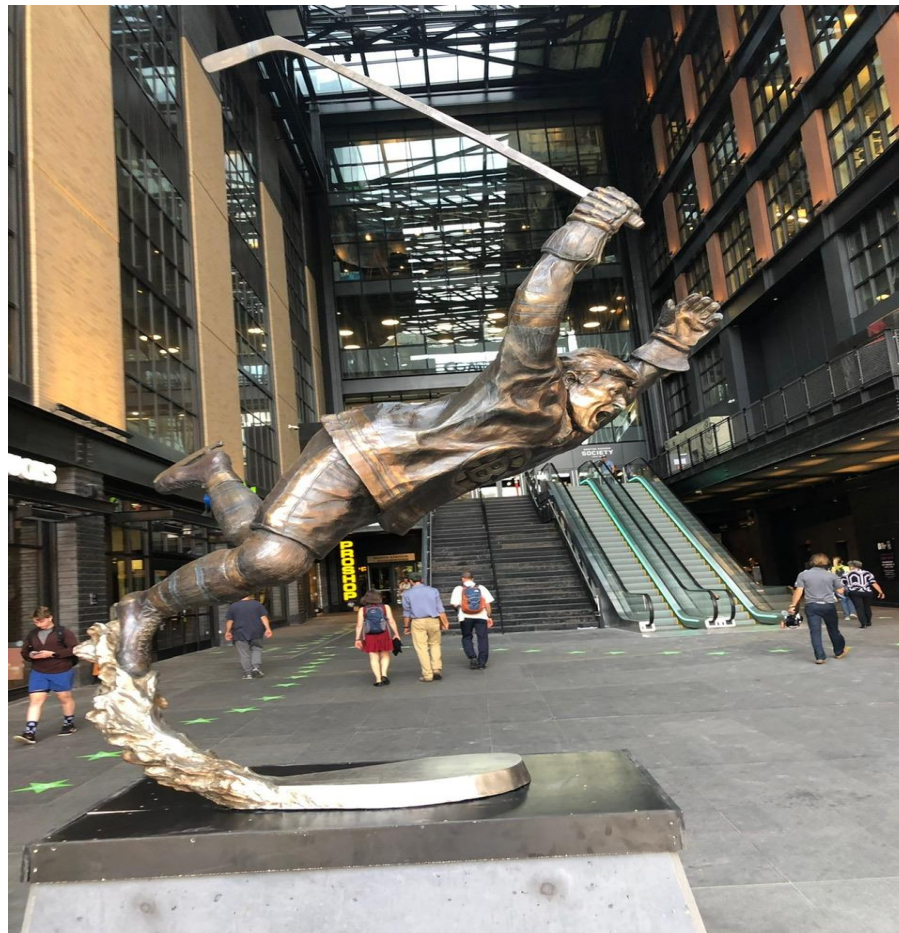


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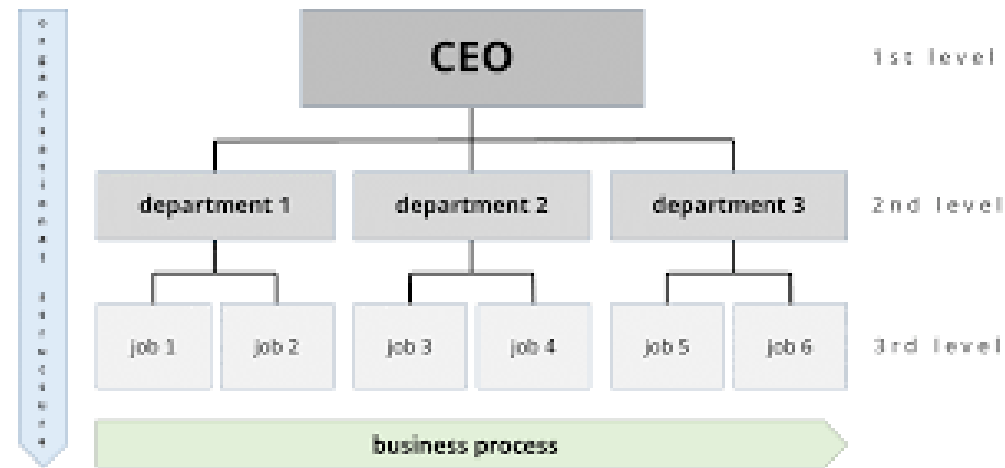


# Perspectives Matter





# System vs. People





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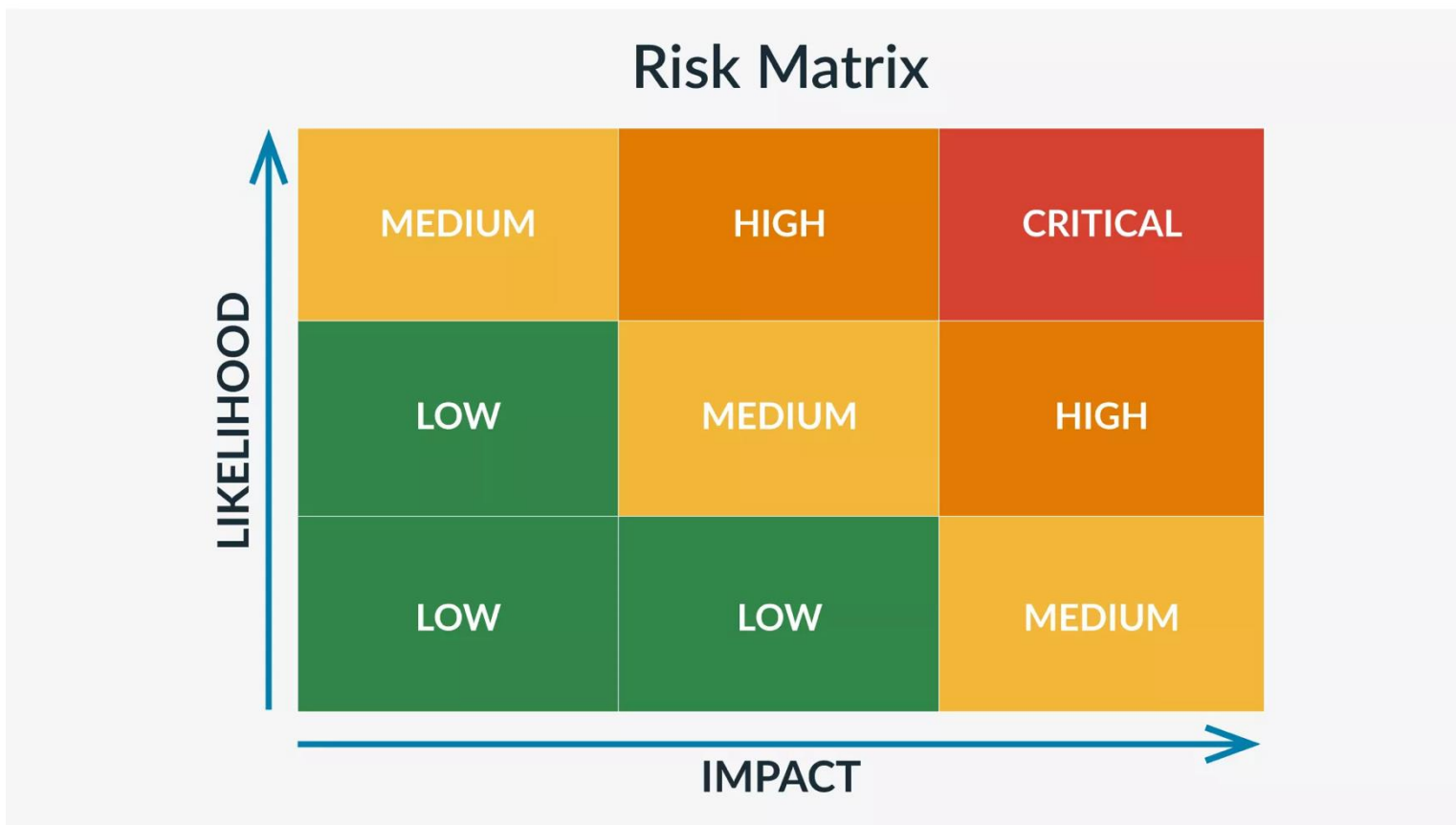
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## CASE STUDY

Background

Context

The problem statement

Where this went



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## The Good...

- Paperless and Continuous Manufacturing
- Showcased to the FDA
- ISPE Factory of the Future Winner in XXXX
- ISPE Overall Factory of the Year Winner in XXXX

## The Bad...

- 20% Rejection Rate for Contamination
- Constrained investigation 10 batches to get X
- Downsized and lost technical talent

## The Ugly...

- 28 Day FDA inspection
- 6 item 483
- Inadequate Response
- Warning Letter



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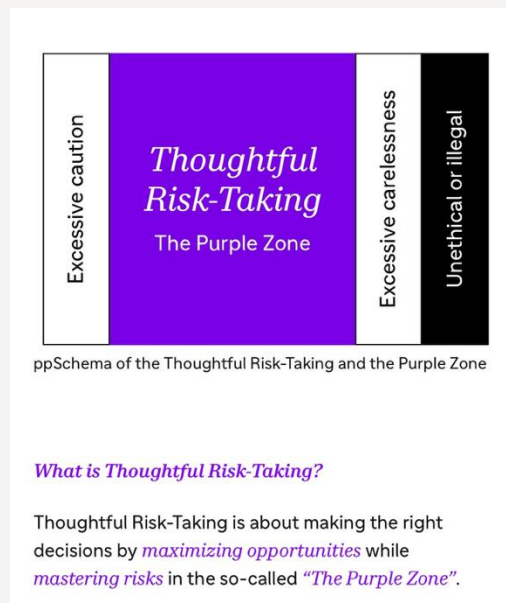
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Robust pipeline (83 Projects)

## But how to finance?

- Optimizes its operational budget by channeling resources to advance R&D
- Embraced digital transformation to streamline operations and reduce costs
- Introduced programs to take risk “TRT” rolled out to all levels of the organization.

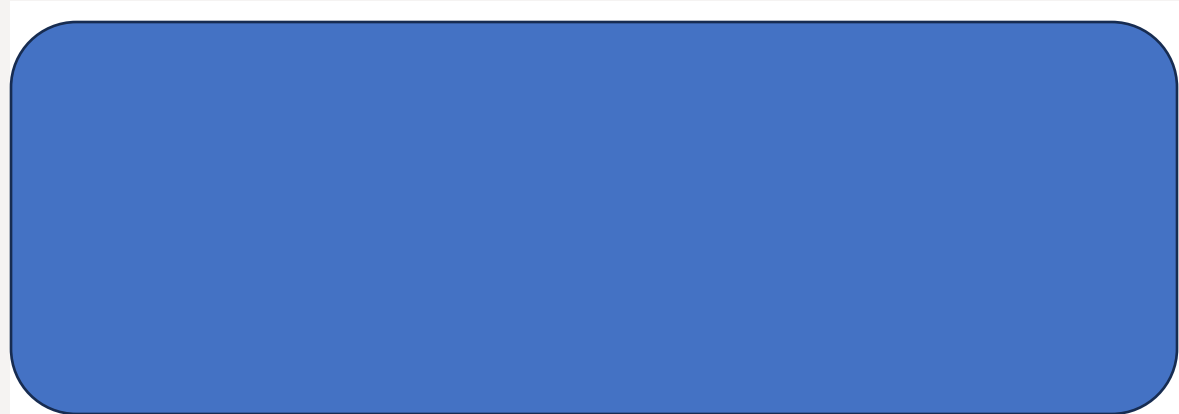




## Setting the scene| **Before we go further...**

- This is a Drug substance
- All batches released met specifications

But FDA said “because your methods facilities or controls...do not conform to CGMP, your APIs are adulterated...”



This warning letter summarizes significant deviations from Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs).

Because your methods, facilities, or controls for manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding do not conform to CGMP, your APIs are adulterated within the meaning of section 501(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), 21 U.S.C. 351(a)(2)(B).



Source: FDA website



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## About the Warning Letter | Observations

### The 483, failure to....

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- Reproducibly manufacture (PPQ and Process Validation problems)
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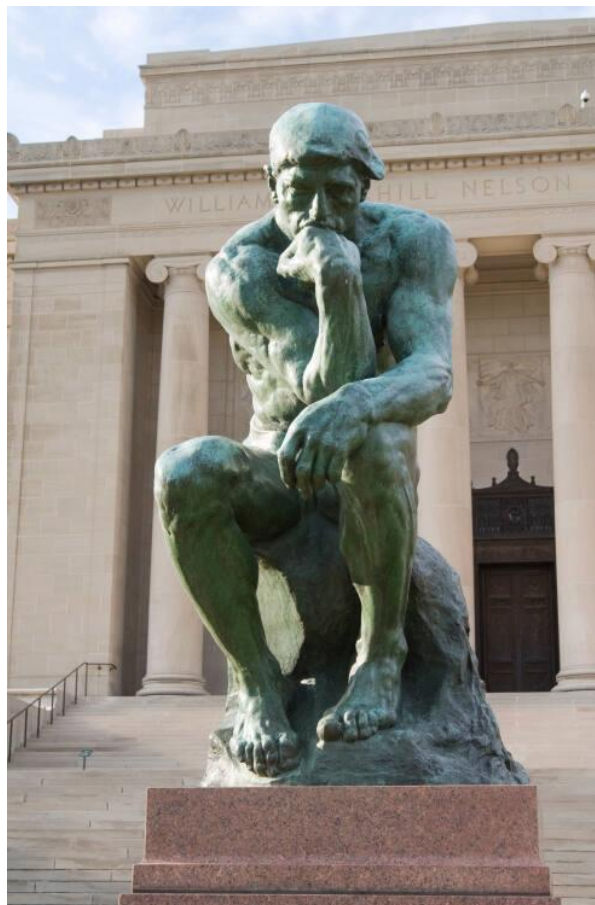
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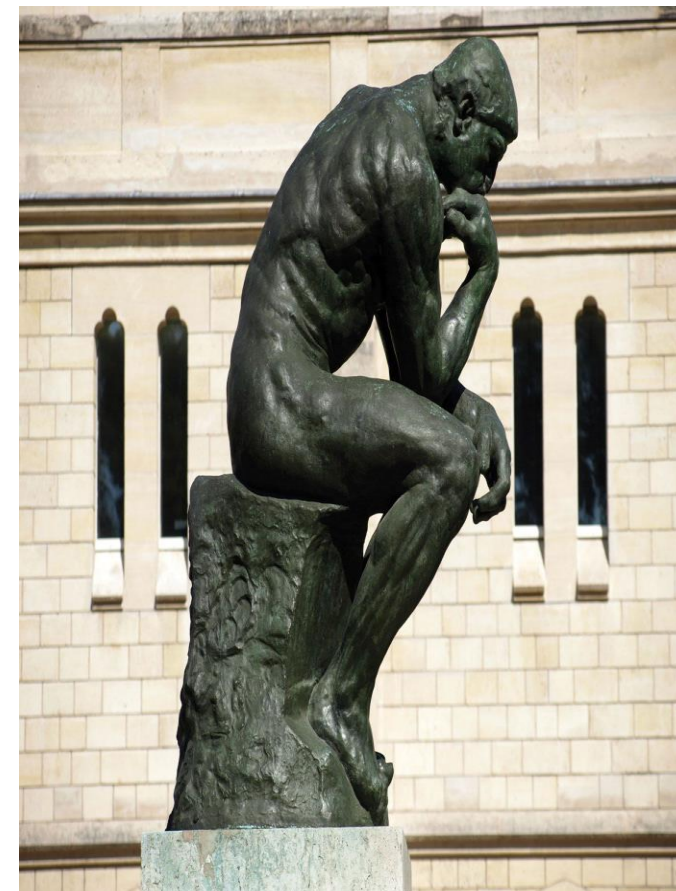


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Let's come back to perspectives...





# What are the Perspectives of the 483 vs. WL

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## Points to Consider

- Have more than one perspective (but also avoid “group think”)
- Be deliberate about your choices and your decisions
- Exercise Accountability
- Personal Opinion is that People and Culture are the heart of our business

