

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



To: All Horsemen and Veterinarians **Date :** October 20, 2015

From: Rick M. Arthur, DVM, Equine Medical Director

Subject : **COBALT ADVISORY CONCERNING FINISH LINE IRON POWER**

The California Horse Racing Board recently investigated a case of elevated cobalt in a thoroughbred. This overage appears to be related to the use of Finish Line Iron Power – a fairly new supplement with a high cobalt concentration reported at 21.6mg per serving. Horse vitamin and mineral supplements have traditionally had cobalt below 2mg. The exact dosing of the Iron Power as to the amount, frequency, and timing relative to the testing is obscure but appears similar to the label instructions. The horse does not appear to have received any other treatments containing cobalt prior to testing. Elevated cobalt also was identified in a standardbred last year related to Finish Line Iron Power, but that horse had previously been administered cobalt salts.

