

**FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**Human Foods Program**

**Office of Laboratory Operations and Applied Science**

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**1. Office of Laboratory Operations and Applied Science (DCRM).**

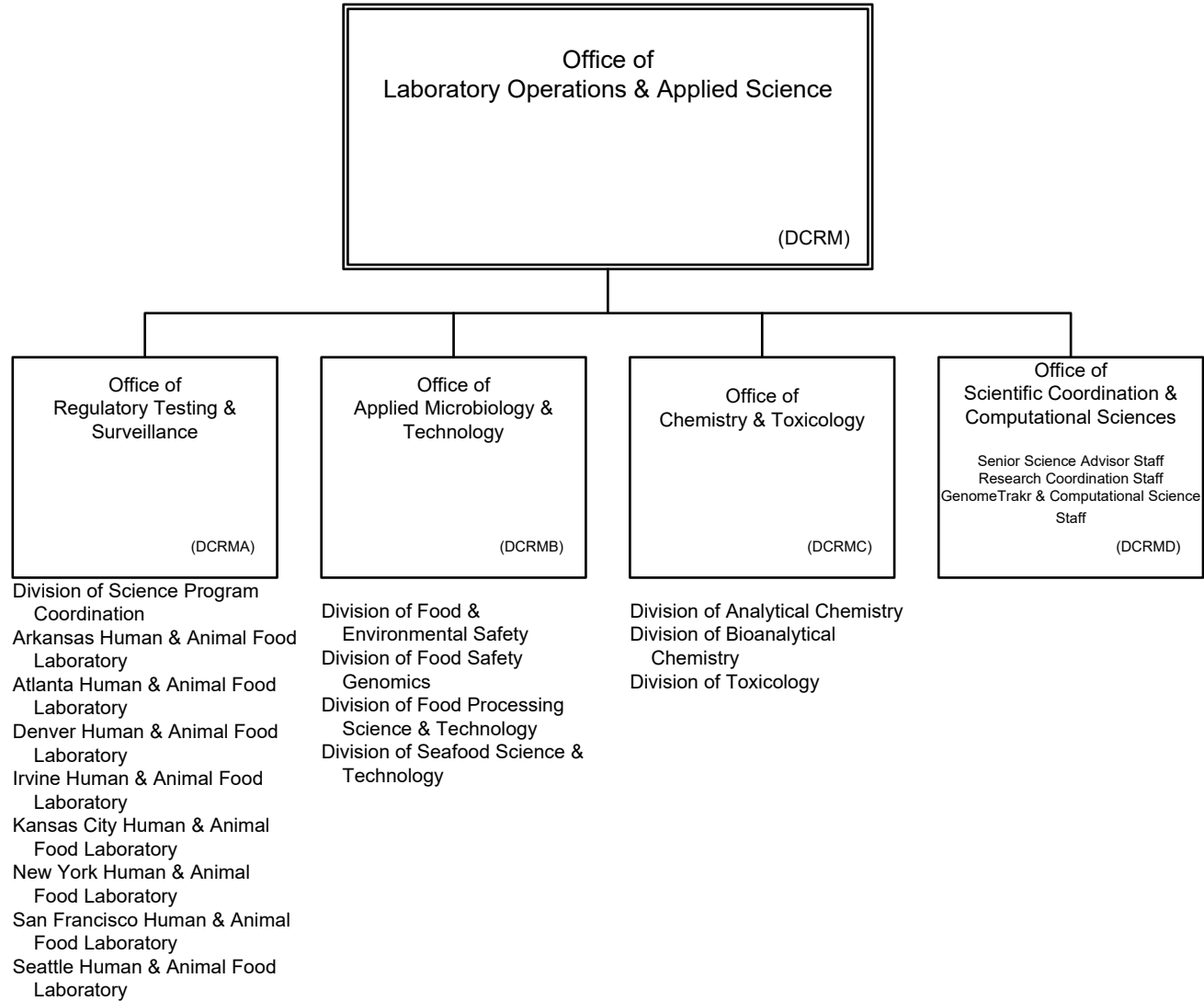
- A. Conducts regulatory testing and surveillance in support of the Human Foods Program (HFP) and the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM).
- B. Coordinates and executes, for the HFP, a laboratory science and data science program focused on analytical chemistry, microbiology, and biology in support of method development, validation, and implementation for regulatory analysis.
- C. Develops methods and gathers data to support risk assessment for the development of guidance, regulations, and policy, and inform work prioritization for the HFP.
- D. Provides support to the national food safety toxicological program with scientific expertise and toxicological evaluations.
- E. Provides expertise and necessary laboratory support to the national food defense program.
- F. Collaborates with the Food and Drug Administration Office of the Chief Scientist on regulatory testing, applied research priorities and regulatory science activities.
- G. Coordinates the Human Foods scientific program with Federal, State, International and academic partners (Centers of Excellence) to ensure HFP scientific needs are fully met.
- H. Provides technical support and expert advice on HFP scientific issues that impact policy, regulations, compliance and enforcement.

- I. Provides technical support and expert advice to national and international scientific and standard-setting organizations in support of the HFP's food safety and nutrition responsibilities.

**2. Authority and Effective Date.**

The functional statements for the Office of Laboratory Operations and Applied Science were approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on March 5, 2024, and effective on May 13, 2024.

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The following is the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Human Foods Program, Office of Laboratory Operations and Applied Science organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

Office of Regulatory Testing and Surveillance (DCRMA)

Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology (DCRMB)

Office of Chemistry and Toxicology (DCRMC)

Office of Scientific Coordination and Computational Sciences (DCRMD)

These organizations report to the Office of Regulatory Testing and Surveillance (DCRMA):

Division of Science Program Coordination (DCRMAA)

Arkansas Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAB)

Atlanta Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAC)

Denver Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAD)

Irvine Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAE)

Kansas City Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAF)

New York Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAG)

San Francisco Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAH)

Seattle Human and Animal Food Laboratory (DCRMAI)

These organizations report to the Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology (DCRMB):

Division of Food and Environmental Safety (DCRMBA)

Division of Food Safety Genomics (DCRMBB)

Division of Food Processing Science and Technology (DCRMBC)

Division of Seafood Science and Technology (DCRMBD)

These organizations report to the Office of Chemistry and Toxicology (DCRMC):

Division of Analytical Chemistry (DCRMCA)

Division of Bioanalytical Chemistry (DCRMCB)

Division of Toxicology (DCRMCC)

These organizations report to the Office of Scientific Coordination and Computational Sciences (DCRMD):

Senior Science Advisor Staff (DCRMD1)

Research Coordination Staff (DCRMD2)

GenomeTrakr and Computational Science Staff (DCRMD3)