

## **Food and Drug Administration Fact Sheet – Massachusetts**

**FDA Presence:** 136 FDA employees in Massachusetts including State Programs Branch (5) and Office of Information Technology Shared Services personnel (3)

Resident Post: Worcester (4 employees)

Border Station: Boston (5 employees)

report to: New England District, Stoneham, Massachusetts (63 employees)

reports to: Northeast Region, Jamaica, New York

Laboratory: Winchester Engineering and Analytical Center, Winchester, Massachusetts (56 employees)

reports to: Northeast Region, Jamaica, New York

### **Industry Presence in State**

There are 4,220 FDA-regulated establishments in the State of Massachusetts

Food establishments (includes cosmetics) - 47 percent

Medical Device and Radiological establishments - 37 percent

Human Drug establishments - 12 percent

Biological establishments (includes blood banks) - 3 percent

Animal Drug and Feed establishments - 1 percent

### **Highlights**

- Houses almost one-half of the regulated industry in New England with special emphases in biotechnology and medical devices. Serves as corporate headquarters for many of these firms.
- In addition, as a coastal state, Massachusetts has a large inventory of seafood establishments.
- The WEAC laboratories provide specialized analytical services in engineering, medical device and radionuclide analysis. In this regard, the WEAC facility is FDA's only major field laboratory installation to provide service in these areas. WEAC is the primary field laboratory upon which CDRH relies for its analytical services. All engineering analysis for the GWQAP analytical program are performed at WEAC. In addition to the specialized analytical procedures for radionuclides in foods and radiopharmaceuticals, WEAC performs chemical and microbiological testing.

### **State Contracts and Partnerships**

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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

- Conduct inspections of mammography facilities
- Conduct food sanitation inspections
- Conduct seafood HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) inspections

#### **Local Activities**

FDA is a participant in Massachusetts Partnership for Food Safety and the Massachusetts Coalition for Food Safety and Defense activities.

