

FDA EXTERNAL FACT SHEET

About the Office of Human and Animal Food Operations

A specialized office to help protect and promote the safety and quality of the nation's domestically produced and imported human and animal foods and cosmetics

The Offices of Human and Animal Food Operations – East and West (OHAFO), a program within the Office of Human and Animal Food Operations (OHAFO) in the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA), provides advice and counsel to ORA and FDA leaders regarding human and animal food products, field operations, and emergency response activities. OHAFO collaborates with the agency's Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine (OFVM), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), and the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) on all FDA-regulated food products.

OHAFO oversees all field inspection and compliance operations related to human and animal food and other products regulated by CFSAN and CVM. As part of FDA's implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act, ORA, OFVM, CFSAN, and CVM partner to develop annual work plans and strategic priorities for inspections, compliance, analysis, and import operations.

[Joann Givens](#) and [Vinetta Howard-King](#) direct OHAFO's day-to-day operations and coordination with CFSAN and CVM. The office structure includes an Office of Human and Animal Food Operations–East (Vinetta Howard-King, acting) and an Office of Human and Animal Food Operations–West (Joann Givens). These offices conduct investigations and manage compliance activities, recalls, and partnerships in ORA's 20 district offices.

ORA's program division directors, formerly district directors, are the most senior FDA officials in their geographic area and continue to be the points of contact for local staff, the public, and industry. FDA's local coordination with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory and public health agency officials continues to be managed by district state liaisons. Contact OHAFO at engageORA@fda.hhs.gov.

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