

**REIMBURSABLE DETAIL**  
**Center for Tobacco Products**  
**Office of Science**

The Center for Tobacco Products, Office of Science is offering Detail opportunities for a **Supervisory Engineer, GS-0801-14**. Applicants at the GS-13 and GS-14 level are encouraged to apply. The Detail is available immediately for a period of 120 days. The incumbent acts as a Supervisory Engineer, supervises a team of professional scientists whose mission is to evaluate, lead and direct studies of the engineering aspects of public health issues and problems and reviews of industry submissions. A temporary promotion may be considered.

**Bargaining Unit Status:** **Non Bargaining Unit**

**Position Office Location:** FDA  
Center for Tobacco Products  
Calverton Building  
11785 Beltsville Drive  
Beltsville, MD 20705

**Opening Date:** **November 19, 2019**

**Closing Date:** **November 22, 2019**

**Area of Consideration:** **FDA-Wide**

The Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), Office of Science (OS), Division of Product Science offers a fast-paced, dynamic environment and an opportunity to work with dedicated, energetic people who really want to make a difference and improve public health. The position is ideal for someone who wants to have a critical role in the organization and would enjoy the challenge of handling a variety of assignments related to the regulation of tobacco products.

**Duties include:**

The selected employee will serve as a Supervisory Engineer in an Engineering Branch that supports CTP's scientific review programs and activities, as they pertain to tobacco products and tobacco product regulation to support implementing the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Duties may include:

- Provides authoritative and professional expertise in dealing with engineering aspects of public health issues related to tobacco products. Stays abreast of scientific developments and current practices in engineering research through review of published literature, tobacco industry documents, and by continuing professional development through interactions with experts in the field. Work includes evaluation of complex factors (e.g., the accepted solution of one of them may be in direct conflict to the accepted solution of another). Is responsible for the sustained progress of the projects in accordance with scheduled timeline and available resources.
- Proposes areas of study for in-house and contract regulatory science research projects. Develops state-of-the-art research projects to address gaps in scientific knowledge needed for effective regulation of tobacco products. Leads the design and conduct of studies to isolate and define the engineering aspects contributing to public health issues

and problems.

- Documents program accomplishments and recommends changes in policy, program operations, and resource levels to improve effectiveness.
- Recognizes the need for new or revised regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Leads review of industry submissions by analyzing and determining the adequacy of data and tests submitted by a manufacturer to support claims including whether the product is appropriate for the protection of public health. Determines if additional data or other information are necessary within the context of applicable laws, policies, regulations, and guidance; proposing alternative approaches where appropriate. Interprets complex engineering science aspects of submissions for tobacco products and if needed performing additional analysis of data submitted. Reviews study protocols and offers recommendations for study design. Prepares a comprehensive synopsis of reviews of submissions with recommendations for revision/acceptance/rejections of the submissions and proposed labeling.
- Provides expert advice and assistance to scientists and officials on a wide range of matters.
- The incumbent may also be assigned other responsibilities or special projects that are commensurate with his/her background and capabilities.
- Serves as a recognized engineering expert/authority in matters related to designated area of responsibility. Advises and assists the Center Director, Deputy Director and other key officials on engineering issues that have impact on policy, direction and long-range goals.
- Supervises a staff of engineers. Plans and schedules work to be accomplished by subordinates, sets and adjusts long and short-term priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work, when necessary. Assigns work to subordinates based on priorities, considering difficulty and requirements of assignments as well as the capabilities of employees.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

- Knowledge and understanding of tobacco-related laws, regulations, guidance, and policy. The incumbent must be able to integrate science and regulations to develop policies/positions on issues. The incumbent must also be able to advise internal and external stakeholders on activities related to tobacco research and evaluation of product design.
- Demonstrate the skill to identify problems, gather information, draw conclusions, recommend solutions, prepare papers and reports for publication, provide advice to other scientists, and negotiate acceptance and implementation of recommendations.

- Knowledge of CTP missions, programs and organizations structures sufficient to collaborate with other CTP staff on public health issues and problems.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Skill in working collaboratively.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

**Application Procedure:**

Supervisory concurrence should be obtained before you apply to this detail. The detail opportunity is open to all qualified candidates at the GS-13 and GS-14 grade levels or Commissioned Corps Officers.

Interested applicants should submit a copy of their resume, most recent copy of SF-50, and statement of interest via email to:

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If you are not currently in the 0801 series, please submit a copy of your transcripts with the requested documents.

Detail is reimbursable.  
Travel Expenses will not be paid.

**Candidates must express interest by November 22, 2019.**

**\*This is not an official vacancy announcement under the Merit Promotion System**