

FDA Staff Manual Guides, Volume I – Organizations and Functions

Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Human Foods Program

Office of Policy and International Engagement

Office of Policy Initiatives and Projects

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1. Office of Policy Initiatives and Projects (DCRDB).

- A. Leads cross-cutting policy development for the Human Foods Program (HFP), including policies that impact human food safety modernization activities under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and other applicable statutes, in coordination with the HFP Office of Policy, Regulations, and Information and other relevant Food and Drug Administration (FDA) components; and manages the related cross-FDA food policy governing body.
- B. Leads policy activities involving new and emerging technologies, tools, and innovative approaches to modernize the food safety system.
- C. Leads special projects and other assigned activities and issues impacting the HFP.
- D. Leads development of environmental policies for the HFP, including analysis and clearance of environmental reviews, to ensure FDA's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other applicable laws and policies, in coordination with other relevant FDA components.
- E. Leads health equity activities for the HFP, including equity assessments and focused engagements under applicable laws and policies, in coordination with other relevant FDA components.
- F. Supports the HFP Ombudsman to ensure its ability to operate independently.

2. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Office of Policy Initiatives and Special Projects 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 Policy and International Engagement, Office of Policy Initiatives and Projects organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director: