

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

Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology

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1. Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology (DCRMB).

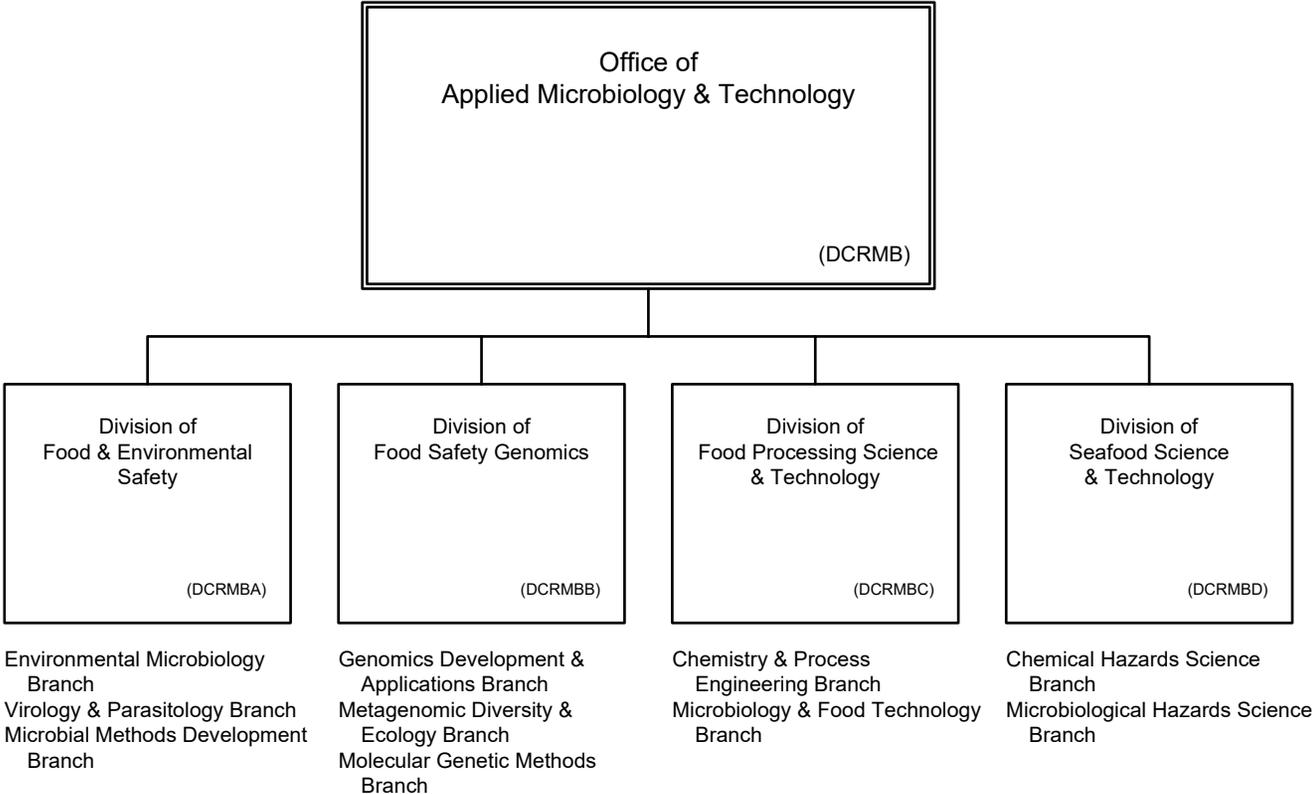
- A. Oversees the regulatory scientific studies and ensures the laboratories and experiments conducted are compliant with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Quality Assurance and the Safety guidance.
- B. Oversees and manages the laboratories at MOD I building, Gulf Coast Seafood Laboratory, and Moffett Center.
- C. Coordinates outreach for collaborations with stakeholders (e.g., FDA Program Offices, Human Foods Program (HFP), Centers of Excellence, academic research community, IFSH, and ISSC).
- D. Investigates microbiological and chemical food safety as it relates to production, processing, handling, storage, and preparation of FDA regulated food commodities.
- E. Provides consultation and training in coordination with other Centers and Offices, to FDA and outside organizations on laboratory equipment, methods, and facilities problems associated with laboratory examination of foods.
- F. Serves as a HFP Core Entity for ISO 17025 accredited proficiency testing program and methods validation for microbiological and chemical hazards for Office of Laboratory Operations & Applied Science (OLAS), Milk, Shellfish, Food Emergency Response Network (FERN/LRN), and other food laboratories.
- G. Contributes subject matter expertise to development of prevention strategies, policy, guidance/regulation development, and compliance matters including the Regulatory Technical Assistance Network (RTAN).

H. Participates, in conjunction with stakeholders and FDA Centers of Excellence, in educational and informational programs on contemporary food safety and defense issues.

2. Authority and Effective Date.

The functional statements for the Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology 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, Office of Applied Microbiology and Technology organization structure depicting all the organizational structures reporting to the Director:

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 Division of Food and Environmental Safety (DCRMBA):

Environmental Microbiology Branch (DCRMBA1)

Virology and Parasitology Branch (DCRMBA2)

Microbial Methods Development Branch (DCRMBA3)

These organizations report to the Division of Food Safety Genomics (DCRMBB):

Genomics Development and Application Branch (DCRMBB1)

Metagenomic Diversity and Ecology Branch (DCRMBB2)

Molecular Genetic Methods Branch (DCRMBB3)

These organizations report to the Division of Food Processing Science and Technology (DCRMBC):

Chemistry and Process Engineering Branch (DCRMBC1)

Microbiology and Food Technology Branch (DCRMBC2)

These organizations report to the Division of Seafood Science and Technology (DCRMBD):

Chemical Hazards Science Branch (DCRMBD1)

Microbiological Hazards Science Branch (DCRMBD2)