History & Mission: The Food and Drug Administration dates its origin to June 1906, when President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Food and Drugs Act and entrusted implementation of this law to the Bureau of Chemistry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The FDA was renamed in 1931 as the Food and Drug Administration. In 1940, FDA was transferred from USDA to the Federal Security Agency (FSA); in 1953, FSA became the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, now the Department of Health and Human Services. In the 1970s, the pieces of what is considered the modern FDA came together. The General Services Administration (GSA) and the FDA are now working together to consolidate FDA at the government-owned White Oak site in Silver Spring.

The FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation’s food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation; for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and for helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health.

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Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)

As the agency changed its name and structure over the 20th century, the food and cosmetic regulatory function coalesced into one organization in 1970. In 1984 the former Bureau of Foods was renamed the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Beginning in November of 2001 and finishing in March of 2002, CFSAN relocated the majority of its staff from Washington, D.C. to College Park.

CFSAN, in conjunction with the FDA’s Office of Foods located on the White Oak Campus and FDA’s field staff from the Office of Regulatory Affairs, is responsible for promoting and protecting the public's health by ensuring that the nation's food supply is safe, sanitary, wholesome, and honestly labeled, and that cosmetic products are safe and properly labeled.

Maryland Employment: 698