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## From the Desk of the Commissioner



Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that I have selected Michael Rogers as the permanent Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs (ACRA) in the FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA). Michael has been serving as the Acting ACRA since Carol Cave retired in September, and he has embraced the role with an abundance of energy, positivity and enthusiasm.

The work of ORA is at the heart of our mission, carrying out core field-based operations that support the entire FDA portfolio. Michael exemplifies ORA's professionalism, talents and deep commitment to the protection and promotion of public health. He has earned compliments and support from the ORA workforce, FDA leaders and external constituents who keep a close watch on our work.

I've had the pleasure of working with Michael on a variety of matters, including on the groundbreaking proposal to unify the Human Foods Program, create a stronger ORA and strengthen the entire agency. As a key member of the Implementation and Change Management Group, Michael has played a critical role in helping to solidify ORA's role on the frontlines of the FDA.

Michael's distinguished 32-year career at the agency has fully prepared him for this executive position. This includes 28 years with ORA, advancing from his very first position as an Investigator in the Baltimore District Office, then as a Supervisory Investigator, conducting domestic and international inspections in multiple program areas.

He moved to ORA's Office of Regional Operations as a Deputy Director, and then as Director of ORA's Division of Field Investigations. Michael gained important global experience as Regional Director for the FDA's Latin America regional office. Stationed in Costa Rica, he oversaw products produced in 44 countries and territories in Latin America and the Caribbean for the U.S. market. After his time in Latin America, he returned to ORA as a Senior Advisor for Medical Products overseeing important regulatory issues and policies. He was then promoted to Assistant Commissioner for Human and Animal Food Operations in ORA, focusing on inspections, investigations, and compliance-related issues, prior to taking on the Acting Deputy ACRA and ACRA roles.

Michael has worked with foreign governments to develop international agreements, led numerous national and international investigations, and supported responses to public health-related emergencies, as well as natural disaster recovery efforts. He has conducted domestic and international inspections as an investigator and as a supervisor, and has experience inspecting high-profile clinical trials, animal testing facilities, pharmaceutical companies, food facilities and large blood banks.

He holds a bachelor's in zoology and chemistry from North Carolina State University, and a master's in management from the University of Maryland University College.

Michael's commitment to the FDA began even before he arrived here; his father had a long tenure at ORA, beginning in 1962 as a Lab Analyst and retiring as a District Director in Kansas in 1999. In short, the FDA and its mission is part of Michael's DNA.

It is especially gratifying that after conducting a comprehensive national search for a new ACRA, we found the best possible candidate right here at the FDA. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with Michael and please join me in

congratulating Michael on his selection to this important post and in supporting him as he leads ORA into an exciting future.

Sincerely,  
Rob

**Robert M. Califf, M.D. (he/him/his)**  
**Commissioner of Food and Drugs**

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