

## Who We Are

As part of its mission to safeguard America's agricultural and natural resources, APHIS has regulated the importation, interstate movement, and field release of genetically engineered (GE) organisms since 1987. APHIS created the BRS program in August 2002 to take a more comprehensive approach to regulating biotechnology, keeping pace with rapidly evolving technology, and promoting greater understanding of the agency's regulations among researchers and biotechnology product developers, as well as affected State and tribal entities and international trading partners.

BRS is responsible for imposing stringent safeguards throughout the development phase of GE organisms until they are deemed as safe as their conventional counterparts. BRS coordinates this work across four program divisions, maintaining a rigorous regulatory process that includes strict compliance and inspection practices.

BRS' Environmental Risk Analysis Program directs and manages risk assessments for regulated activities involving GE organisms, which includes determining permit conditions and approving field trials. The Regulatory Operations Program manages the inspection process and tracks permit and inspection data to ensure adherence to regulations and permit conditions. BRS' Policy Coordination Program develops the policies and regulations that GE developers must follow and conducts outreach to domestic and international organizations to explain those requirements. Finally, BRS' Resource Management Program oversees the administrative, budget, and information technology functions that keep daily operations running smoothly.



## Biotechnology Regulatory Services



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### Interested? Take the First Step

If you are ready to become an integral part of safeguarding our Nation's agricultural health, join BRS. As a BRS employee, you will enjoy a career path that has competitive salaries, flexible hours, a supportive and innovative work environment, and exciting travel opportunities.

We encourage all interested individuals to apply for positions in BRS, including veterans, people with disabilities, and surplus or displaced Federal employees. You must be a U.S. citizen to apply. For more information about careers with BRS, visit our Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/regulations.shtml> and click on "Learn about BRS Job Opportunities."



## Your Career in Biotechnology Regulatory Services

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## Your Career in BRS

Do you want a career that can make a difference? If you are interested in joining an organization with exciting career paths, stimulating challenges, opportunities for growth, and high job stability and satisfaction, Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) has opportunities that you should consider.

BRS employees are at the forefront in providing leadership and setting regulatory standards to address the latest biotechnology issues and challenges. It takes a diverse group of people to accomplish this work. Our goal is to recruit and hire the best employees, adding to the already rich pool of talented people who are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

## BRS has career opportunities for

- Experts involved in many aspects of the biotechnology regulatory process—regulatory specialists, risk assessors, and policy analysts;
- Biotechnologists and agriculturists;
- Program specialists and assistants; and
- Budget and management analysts, computer specialists, technical writers, and communication specialists.

If you thrive on challenging, problem-solving work, become part of the BRS team and help ensure our continued excellence in today's fast-paced and increasingly complex scientific world.



## Where We Are

The main BRS office is located at APHIS headquarters in Riverdale, Maryland, near Washington, DC. BRS' field operations are centered at the APHIS Eastern Region office in Raleigh, North Carolina, and the agency's Western Region office in Fort Collins, Colorado.



## Benefits

Working for the Federal Government, you will receive competitive starting pay with regular increases and opportunities for advancement. APHIS also offers a wide range of benefits and programs that provide flexibility and encourage a good work-life balance. Outstanding benefits include:

- Family-friendly work and leave policies
- Flexible work schedules
- 10 paid Federal holidays and paid vacation leave
- Opportunities for recognition and awards
- Comprehensive medical benefits
- Health, wellness, and fitness programs
- Paid medical leave
- Affordable health and life insurance
- Domestic and international travel opportunities
- Attractive retirement benefits and pension plan
- Thrift Savings Plan (where APHIS matches a portion of your contributions to a 401K-type program)

