

Cindy Smith currently serves as the Acting Deputy Administrator for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS). Ms. Smith has been charged with providing leadership to BRS, the newly formed APHIS program which was created as a result of a restructuring of APHIS's biotechnology regulatory functions in June of 2003. BRS is responsible for the regulation of the import, interstate movement and field testing of transgenic plants, and is currently evaluating the role it will play in the regulation of transgenic animals and arthropods.

Ms. Smith has worked at APHIS since 1979, playing various roles across four APHIS programs: Plant Protection & Quarantine (PPQ); Biotechnology, Biologics and Environmental Protection (BBEP); Wildlife Services (WS), and BRS. Prior to assuming her leadership role in BRS, she has most recently served as Associate Deputy Administrator of Wildlife Services, the Federal program protecting agriculture, natural resources, property and man from wildlife damage.

Ms. Smith completed a Masters Degree in Management from the University of Maryland in May 2000, and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from the University of Maryland.