

A Conversation with Deputy Commissioner Jim Jones [Podcast]

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This week I had the pleasure of speaking with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods, [Jim Jones](#), about all the amazing initiatives Jim is overseeing as the first FDA Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods. Many of us in the chemical community know Jim and his extraordinary career at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) leading both the EPA pesticides and toxics program offices, culminating his EPA career as Assistant Administrator for Toxics in the Obama Administration. Jim's keen understanding of the administrative, chemical prioritization, risk evaluation, and risk management processes makes him uniquely well suited to lead the Human Foods office at FDA and implement successfully the new Human Foods organizational structure and achieve the office's ambitious goals. We discuss the Human Foods' priorities and new organizational structure, the recently released proposed systematic post-market review process on which FDA seeks comments, how Jim intends to tackle the many challenges FDA faces with regard to food chemicals, contaminants, and food additives, and much more.

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