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## FDA to Rehire Some Staff

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- FDA is “[set to rehire](#) some of the staff that was let go during mass firings in the past three months.” Earlier this year around 3,500 FDA employees, or around 20 percent of its workforce, was let go without cause, and many more left due to retirement, voluntary buyout, and resignation.
- While FDA and the Department of Health and Human Services have not detailed exactly which positions or programs were cut during the mass layoffs, many included food and medical device reviewers, communications staff, and scientists, as well as travel bookers who coordinate trips for inspectors.
- Many of the travel bookers have been reported to be on the reinstatement list, [according to two anonymous FDA staffers](#). In addition, food scientists have been told they will be reinstated, and some of the communications staff, including some who worked in the FOIA office, will be rehired.
- Keller and Heckman will continue to report on staffing and other organizational developments at FDA.

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