

CRN Comments on ODS Strategic Planning

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Central Point of Comment

- **ODS accomplishments are considerable in several primary goal areas, but performance is inadequate in one**



Strategic Plan: Five Major Goals, 2004-2009

1. Expand evaluation of DS in disease prevention (*appropriate*)
2. Foster research on #1 (*appropriate*)
3. Stimulate research on biochemical/cellular effects (*appropriate*)
4. Develop methodologies for ingredient identification/characterization (*appropriate*)
5. Expand/conduct outreach to—public, healthcare providers, and scientists (*appropriate, but some needs are not currently met*)



ODS Mandate Under DSHEA

42 USC 287c-11, SEC 485C

(c) Duties of ODS Director

- (1) Conduct and coordinate research on DS at NIH
- (2) Collect/compile research from foreign sources/OAM
- (3) **Serve as the principal advisor** to Secretary/Asst. Sec. Health, and advise directors of NIH/CDC, and FDA Commissioner on issues relating to DS, including—
 - (A) Dietary intake regulation
 - (B) Safety of DS
 - (C) Claims
 - (D) Issues relating to claims and labeling
- (4) Compile a database on DS research
- (5) Coordinate funding by NIH



Actions and Obligations

- **ACTIONS:** Advisory role is implicit in some ODS scientific conferences and workshops (e.g., recent vitamin E workshop)
- **OBLIGATIONS:**
 - ODS should overtly and in a transparent manner offer its reports as advice
 - Sec./Asst. Sec./Directors of NIH and CDC/Commissioner should overtly seek and consider the advice of ODS on DS issues



CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Most ODS goals are appropriate**
- 2. The advisory role for ODS mandated by DSHEA should clearly be incorporated into the Strategic Plan**
- 3. The advisory role should be an important component of ODS priorities and actions**

