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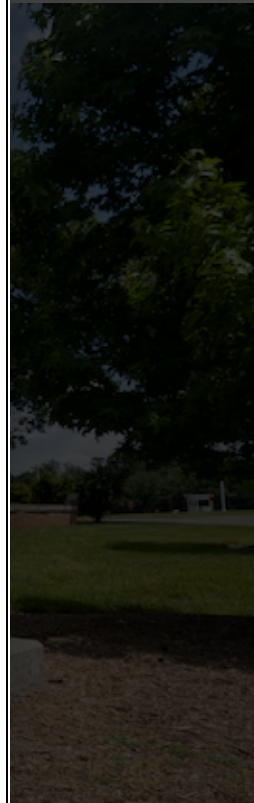
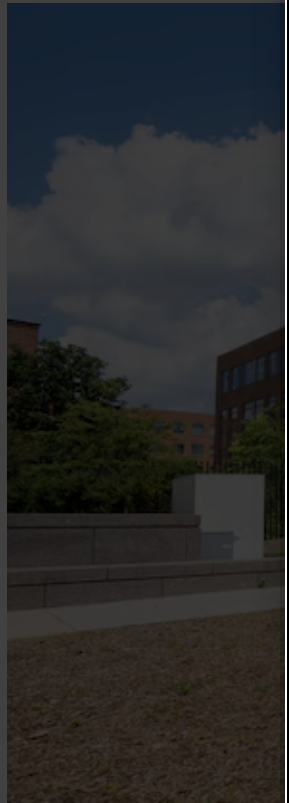
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Government data shows deep staff cuts as food safety leaders warn of fewer inspectors, loss of institutional knowledge and delays in lab and outbreak work

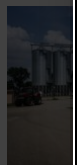
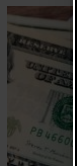
taking place in government entities connected to the food supply.

Experts in the food regulatory infrastructure are at risk.

The US Department of Health and Human Services are among those at risk since the beginning of the Trump administration.

HHS currently employs 72,049 people, according to OPM.

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Support staff's critical role

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Government cuts at a glance

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Total employees: 75,134

2025 staff cuts: 15,476



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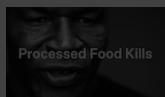
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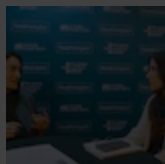


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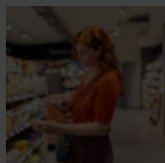


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