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Dr. Beth Yetley joined the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in February 2004 as a Senior Nutrition Research Scientist and retired in June 2008. While at ODS, her leadership responsibilities included initiatives to: a) evaluate how best to integrate evidence-based systematic reviews into a variety of nutrition applications, b) foster trans-agency activities relating to vitamin D and folate nutrition and related public policies, and c) to facilitate US/Canadian collaborations relative to identifying and implementing strategies for updating the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs)

Prior to joining the ODS, Dr. Yetley was employed by the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Yetley joined CFSAN as a senior staff fellow in 1980. She held subsequent positions as Section and Branch Chiefs and as Deputy Director for the Office of Nutrition and Food Sciences. In 1992, Dr. Yetley was appointed as Director of the Office of Special Nutritionals where she had regulatory and scientific responsibilities for three product areas: dietary supplements, medical foods, and infant formulas. Between 2000 and 2004, Dr. Yetley served as FDA's Lead Scientist for Nutrition.

In 1996, Dr. Yetley became the first member of CFSAN to receive an appointment to FDA's Senior Biomedical Research Service. She also served for almost 10 years as the chair of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations-sponsored Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.

Dr. Yetley received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in human nutrition from Iowa State University. She had written minors in biochemistry and physiology. Between their undergraduate and graduate training, Dr. Yetley and her husband served as community volunteers in the South East Asian country of Laos. Prior to joining the FDA, Dr. Yetley served as Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Dr. Yetley is the recipient of numerous awards from the FDA, the NIH, and the Department of Health and Human Services. She is also the recipient of the Bernice K. Watt endowed lectureship at the Iowa State University and the Virginia A. Beal honorarium at the University of Massachusetts. She was recently named as one of Iowa State University's 150 visionaries as part of the Iowa State University Sesquicentennial celebrations. Dr. Yetley is the author of numerous articles in professional journals and has been an invited speaker at scientific meetings in the U.S. and internationally.