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Mr. de la Garza currently serves as an investigator in FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs. As an FDA investigator, he assists with the implementation of the new Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Inspecting establishments covered under the new Produce Safety Rule and investigating foodborne pathogen outbreaks.

From 2012 to 2017 he served as a pesticide inspector with the Texas State Department of Agriculture. His duties as an inspector were to ensure that products classified as pesticides were used correctly and according to product directions. Investigating improper use of pesticides and verifying that personal protective equipment (PPE) was distributed to workers in accordance with product label requirements.

From 2017 to 2020, served as a produce safety specialist. Duties were to assist produce growers with the implementation of the new Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Inspecting establishments covered under the new Produce Safety Rule.

Mr. de la Garza studied at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, where he received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Systems Management.