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Biotechnology Regulatory Service (BRS), within the Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United State Department of Agriculture regulates, among other genetically engineered organisms, the movement and release of transgenic microbes. The presentation will discuss the regulatory authority for BRS's oversight of transgenic microbes, and how the authority sets the framework for permit data packages. APHIS Form 2000 data requirements and administrative processes for import permits, interstate movement permits and field release permits for transgenic microbes will be presented and discussed.