

Margaret R. Shank
1250 Wallace Rd. NW #16
Salem OR 97304

503/362-4007

01 28K -5 10:20

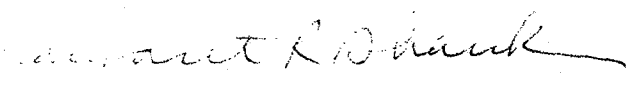
February 28, 2001

FDA COMMISSIONER
Docket No. OON-1396 / OOD-1598
FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA:

I sent you the enclosed postcard regarding the new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods, but it was returned to me (probably because of the design of the card, which put space for the protester's [my] name lower than that of the intended address of the FDA COMMISSIONER). An automated postal processing evidently resulted in the card being returned to me. I wonder how many others were returned to senders and not mailed again in an envelope.

I feel very strongly that we consumers should have the right of choice which only a clearly labeled product would provide. Please give this issue the consideration all consumers deserve.



Margaret R. Shank

Enclosure GE postcard protest

OON 1396

C1545

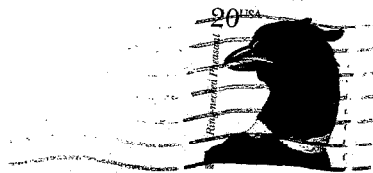


I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully support the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Margaret R. Shank #16
 Name
 1250 Wallace Rd NW
 Address
 Salem OR 97304
 City, State, Zip

Margaret R. Shank
 Signature
 173044304



FDA COMMISSIONER

Docket No. 00N-1396 / 00D-1598
 FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
 Food and Drug Administration
 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
 Rockville, MD 20852



THE CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY
 2200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 302, Washington, DC 20003

00N 1396