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RE: Docket #01-004N
FSIS docket room,
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Food Safety and Inspection Service,
Room 102 Cotton Annex,
300 12th Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20250-3700.

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Dear FSIS,

I want to ask you to ban the sale of genetically engineered foods. I do not want to be subjected to the experimentation of corporations that will profit from the unwitting status of the public as its "guinea pigs". Please act on the following matters immediately.

- 1: Require labeling on all genetically engineered foods or foods produced with any genetically engineered components or by-products.
- 2: Preferably, please prohibit the selling of all genetically engineered foods/components or by-products.
3. Please require labels on any product which was produced through the use of Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH).

BGH is a well-known high-risk agent for both breast and prostate cancers. Leading scientists have called genetically-engineered foods the "largest food experiment in the history of the world." It is shocking that the FDA/FSIS has overseen the food industry and that 70% of all processed foods contain genetically engineered components or by-products. One remembers the carnage from side effects caused by GE foods in the case of tryptophan produced by genetically-engineered bacteria: 37 people died, 1500 suffered paralysis, and 5000 were temporarily disabled.

Please protect the public from these powerful corporate interests (specifically, Monsanto) by banning the use of BGH and genetically-engineered foods. If the FSIS/FDA required labeling on BGH-produced products it will assert itself as a protector of public health and not an institution controlled by special corporate interests such as Monsanto. Labeling these items will allow the public the informed choice of products that we as consumers are entitled to.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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