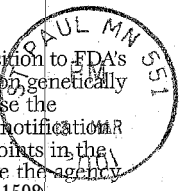


Dear FDA Commissioner

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. We oppose the agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals in support of all the points in the citizen's petition currently before the agency (docket No. LION-1396, and OOD-1598).



- All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have 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.

FDA Commissioner
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(Additional Personal Comments):

At the very least please mandate labeling - so that people can CHOOSE & be informed about what they eat!

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Deadlines:
 GMO labeling - March 19, 2001
 Premarket Testing - April 3, 2001

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