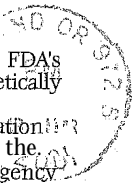


Dear FDA Commissioner,

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. OON-1396, an& OOD-1598).



- All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- ~~Long term testing is necessary.~~ GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing ^{for} ~~info.~~ ^{well being.}
- 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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 RE: Docket No. OON-1396, and OOD-1598

(Additional Personal Comments:) *just like regulations on ingredients being on labels - we need to know if its natural or genetically engineered.*

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Deadlines:
 GMO labeling - March 19, 2001
 Pre-market testing - April 3, 2001



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