

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. 00N-1396, and 00D-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.

(Additional Personal Comments:)

*Short-term profits for a few big companies should not be more important than public health! Ignorance of potential harmful effects now could bring disastrous human results and financial disasters for the taxpayers to pick up the*

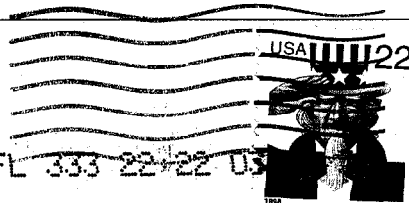
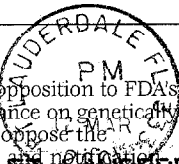
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Deadlines:  
GMO labeling - March 19, 2001  
Pre-market Testing - April 3, 2001

Be responsible

Signature

**WHOLE FOODS**



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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

*FDA: Be Responsible and Cautious here!!*



## WHAT IF EVERYTHING WAS LABELED LIKE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS?

We strongly oppose FDA's proposed policy on genetically engineered (GE) foods which only provides for a voluntary labeling and notification process of these foods. This policy will do nothing to protect or inform consumers. There is strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks from GE foods. The agency's proposed notification process is no substitute for mandated testing. Additionally, only mandatory, not voluntary labeling will ensure that you know when you're buying GE foods and when you're eating them. To voice your opposition to the FDA policy and support for mandatory testing and labeling, send this postcard today. Or send online:

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