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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
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Rockville, MD 20852

To whom it may concern:

I object to the irradiation of juice and fruit. Do not pass 99F-1912.

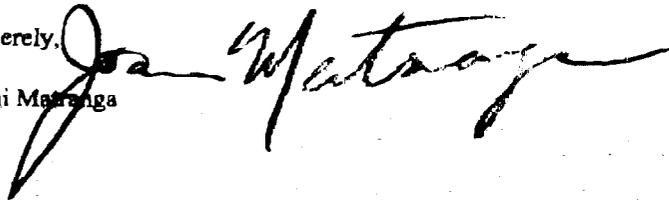
The FDA approved the irradiation of juice, even though:

- The company that applied for the irradiation permit admits that UV radiation destroys 48 percent of the beta carotene and 13 percent of the vitamin C in orange juice.
- Top FDA officials ignored warnings from agency scientists who urged that more tests on nutrient destruction should be conducted and analyzed before the permit was approved.
- The FDA did not determine a safe level of radiation to which juice can be exposed and still be safe for human consumption, as federal law requires. Juice will be exposed to extremely high doses of radiation 100 times higher than the dose considered safe for humans, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
- The FDA conducted no independent analysis to determine the potential toxicity of the new chemicals formed in irradiated juice.
- The company that applied for the irradiation permit offered to prevent the release of smog-forming ozone, but the FDA freed the company of this restriction.

This is unacceptable that my food sources are being irradiated. Food should be SAFE for us to eat. What ever happen to GRAS?

Sincerely,

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