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I am writing to express my opposition to The FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS.

The Agency's Voluntary labeling and Notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect my health, the environment that I live in, and my right to know what I am eating and drinking.

Further I am a vegetarian. How can I follow a vegetarian diet if, for example, the tomatos I eat contain genes from animals such as fish? Genetically Engineering foods by taking animal genes and putting them into plant species is scientifically and ethically WRONG. This is VERY VERY different than say cross pollination of corn crops to develope a stronger more delicious corn.

I oppose this Science of Genetic Engineering that is out of Control and Ethically wrong. At the very least all food should be labeled if it is produced in this manner.

GE foods should not be assumed to be safe for consumption nor the environment until thoroughly tested

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The FDA should place a moratorium on all GE foods until long term studies show they are safe for Human and Animal consumption and the environment.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my fears of Genetically Engineered food

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