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re: 099F-0187, Written Comments by April 10, 1999

1) Was it a mistake to have written comments by April 10, 1999, a Saturday, or is the FDA a 6-7-day-a-week agency?

2) How can "environmental assessment" of 7,000-13,000 times sweeter than sugar neotame include issues of beverages, studies of dogs, mice, rabbits, rats, healthy populations and non-insulin diabetics?

3) Since neotame a glorified aspartame with addition of dimethylbutyl, where are the issues of degradation products, i/e., diketopiperazine (DKP), formaldehyde?

Of course, Monsanto (G.D. Searle, NutraSweet) will get what it wants from the FDA, it always does. The pattern was set with the process for aspartame approval in 1981 and 1983. Then came rBGH, genetically-engineered seeds and plants and who knows what in the future.

FDA needs to return to its mission to protect the public not corporations.

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