P.O. BOX 26485 LA, CA 90026-0485
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999

TO: DOCKETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (HFA-305)
FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION
5630 FISHERS LANE, RM 1061
ROCKVILLE, MD 20852

ATTN: DOCKET # 98N-1038 IRRADIATION IN THE PRODUCTION AND HANDLEING OF **FOOD**

SIRS:

I DEPLORE THE FACT THAT SINCE OUR ATOMIC WEAPONS PRODUCTION PROGRAM OF THE LAST 50 YEARS HAS STOCKPILED SO MUCH RADIO ACTIVE MATERIALS THAT NOW YOU WANT TO IRRADIATE OUR FOOD. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE RANDOM MOLECULAR RESTRUCTURING THAT CAN OCCUR DURING IRRADIATION THAT CAN CAUSE TOXIC SUBSTANCES (LIKE BENZENE) TO FORM IN FOOD PRODUCTS.

SINCE YOU ARE DETERMINED TO IRRADIATE OUR FOOD, I WANT TO SUGGEST THAT ALL SUCH FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS BE VISUALLY IDENTIFIED WITH A LABEL THAT FULLY DISPLAYS THE WORD "**IRRADIATED**" AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL FOR RADIO ACTIVE MATERIAL. I BELIEVE YOUR ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THOSE 2 LABEL REQUIREMENTS ARE THE MINIMUM THAT NEED TO BE REQUIRED TO FULFILL "TRUTH IN LABELING" LAWS. I BELIEVE FOOD PRODUCTS WHERE A SMALL PART OR AS LITTLE AS ONE INGREDIENT MAY BE IRRADIATED SHOULD BE FULLY IDENTIFIED AS A (LIKE PIZZA) PRODUCT THAT IS ALL IRRADIATED. THE RULES FOR LABELING SHOULD APPLY TO ALL FOOD PRODUCTS SHIPPED TO OTHER COUNTRIES AS IT WOULD BE UNFAIR NOT TO INFORM THEM OF OUR EFFORTS TO POISON THEM, AND THESE LABELING RULES SHOULD APPLY FOREVER AND EVER (OR UNTIL YOU GIVE UP ON THE STUPID IDEA OF SUBJECTING FOOD TO IRRADIATION).

98N 1038 I AM INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS OF YOUR RESEARCH. PLEASE SEND ANY APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO: C 2126

EDWARD A. WESTRICK P.O. BOX 26485 LOS ANGELES, CA 90026

THANK YOU

Edward A. Westrick

Edward A. Westrick
PO Box 26485
Los Angeles CA 90026-0485

DOCKETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH
(HFA-305)
FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION
5630 FISHERS LANE, RM 1061
ROCKVILLE, MD 20852

ATTN DOCKET #98N-1038

IRRADIATION IN THE PRODUCTION & HANDLING OF FOOD.