(1) May 25, 1999

To the Food + Drug Administration,

I am strongly **against** food irradiation for the following reasons:

(1) Food irradiation increases the transportation of dangerous nuclear materials across our highways and city streets.

(2) Food irradiation plants have a history of several dangerous accidents leaks and spills in existing plants,

(3) Food irradiation increases the amount of cancer-causing **aflatoxins** in our foods. Aflatoxins are 1,000 times as dangerous as the banned EDB. pesticide + carcinogenic,

(4) Food irradiation leaves 32 different radiolytic ~~product~~ particles inside our foods such as cobalt, cesium, etc, which have not been long-term tested for their safety. The tests need to be re-done for longer periods

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to prove the safety of these radiolytic particles that food irradiation leaves in our foods.

(5.) Food irradiation increases the amount of dangerous formaldehyde in our foods. Formaldehyde is a human carcinogen (cancer-causing substance).

(6.) Food irradiation causes kidney damage and heart damage in rats. Mutations occur in the cells of rats subjected to food irradiated foods.

(7.) The New York Times Newspaper conducted a survey that showed that 80% of Americans are <u>against</u> food irradiation!! You (F.D.A. needs to conduct a large-scale survey (poll) on how Americans feel about food irradiation!! You have <u>never</u> truely done this!! The F.D.A. has acted against the wishes of most

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Americans!!

8. Most intelligent, well-educated Americans are totally against food irradiation because it increases aflatoxin mold levels and formaldehyde levels in our foods!! Both aflatoxins and formaldehyde are carcinogenic!!

9. Food irradiation alters and damages Vitamins A, E, C, B-Complex, and amino acids in our foods.

10. The meat industry is so filthy and so unsanitary that it should be de-sanitized with better cleaning products and more careful inspection. But you are trying to use food irradiation as an excuse not to increase the number of meat inspectors and an excuse not to improve meat quality!!

11. Food irradiation causes cellular and chromasome damage in living tissues.

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(11.) You should not impose food irradiation on Americans without conducting a large-scale pollor survey in the mail asking Americans how they feel about food irradiation.

(12.) Americans have nearly phased out nuclear power plants because of the dangers of accidents, spills and leaks of radioactive materials. Americans (80%) do not want food irradiation plants which can cause nuclear accidents, spills and leaks just like nuclear power plants!!

(13.) I do not want a food irradiation plant in my city or the neighborhood where I live and neither do 80% of the rest of Americans for that matter!!

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(P.S.) The research conducted on the "safety" of food irradiation is "fraudulent" and this research conducted was funded and conducted by organizations devoted to promoting the nuclear radiation industry.

(P.S.) Do not send to me in the mail any pro-food irradiation literature because it is biased and the research backing it up is fraudulent.

(P.S.) Eating foods that are irradiated causes blood abnormalities associated with leukemia - especially in children!!

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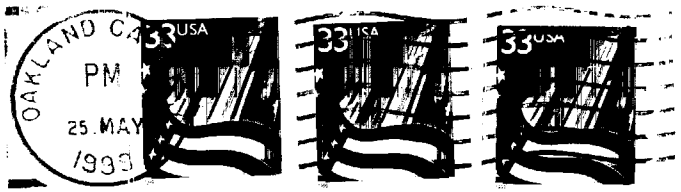

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