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FDA Commissioner
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Food + Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Re: Proposed FDA Policy on
Genetically-Engineered Foods

During this comment period, I urge you to consider adding the following facets to the proposed regulations:

1) mandatory labeling of genetically-engineered food and food products;
2) safety testing to determine their effects on human health;
3) review of the effect on the environment - specifically on non-GE crops of the same species, on waterways and on wildlife;
4) stringent rules regarding notification of the public of new genetically-engineered foods;

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5) absolutely no limits on the labeling of non-GE food or food products.

Consumers have the right to know what they are eating, and the right not to be exposed to a potential health threat.

As a manager of biomedical research, I am well aware of the FDA regulations and oversight of clinical trials. The U.S. is a leader of patient safety in this regard. It is extremely important that the FDA take the initiative in this matter and protect the public.

The manufacturers of genetically-engineered foodstuffs want, most of all, not to have to label their products. To allow them to get away with this would be a severe abrogation of the FDA's responsibility to the public.

Please do not let us down!

Sincerely,
Yvonne Hodgkins