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Dear U.S. N.R.C.:

I beg you to please stop the irradiation of our food, there are all ready countless wrong doings to our foods by the food industry, the FDA, the EPA. Just imagine a life in which you have no choice but to eat food that is being irrigated with poluted water, synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides, etc. then from canned, botled, packed, bagged, etc. with one or more of the several thousands of synthetics additives and or agents in use today in food preservation. **FOOD IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ROUTE OF EXPOSURE FOR HUMANS TO SYNTHETIC CHEMICALS AND DISEASES...**

A WORD ABOUT CARCINOGENICS AND IRRADIATION:

Irradiation is the process of exposing foods to radiation to kill bacteria, insects, and molds. Food irradiatio was the brainchild of the Atomic Energy Commision's efforts during the Eisenhower administration to find practical uses for the flood of radioactive wastes from nuclear weapons.

Atomic Energy of Canada (Nordion LTD), with its virtual monopoly on COBALT-60 and strong backing from the International Atomic Energy Agency, hopes to operate a chain of U.S. plants with U.S. irradiation companies.

Industry and the FDA insist that irradiated food has been thoroughly tested and is absolutely safe. Foods aproved for treatment include fruits and vegetables, dry and dehydrated herbs, spices, teas, pork, poultry, white potatoes, wheat, and wheat flour. However, New York, New Jersey, and Maine have prohibited the sale and distribution of irradiated food, as have foreign goverments, included, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Australia and New Zealand.

- 1.- ClIaims of safety are unproven at best.
- 2.- Irrrdiation produces complex chemical changes in food.
- 3.- Concentrated extracts of irradiated food products have never been tested for cancer.
- 4.- Numerous reports of chronic toxic effects in studies on test animals that were fed unextracted; whole irradiated food.
- 5.- Studies found reproductive damage in rodents and chromosomal damage in rodents, monkeys, and children.
- 6.- Irradiation also reduces levels of essential nutrients in foods and beneficial plant substannces.
- 7.- Another area of carcinogenicity deal with workers who will be exposed to COBALT-60 or CESIUM-137
- 8.- Communities are at risk where radioactive materials are transported and stored.

We as consumers are left with very little options but to surrender good old products, most of them natural, in favor of synthetic/irradiated replacements in deterioration of our health and yours?...

" Our generation will be the most regretful, not because the perverse actions of some bad people but by the lack of participation from the good people"..... M. L. King

Thank you and love you all!..

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