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Dear Mr. Blevins,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed irradiation facility in Honolulu.

This venture would bring radioactive material to an airport with it risk of accidents and terrorist threats and it would be located in a tsunami evacuation zone near two military bases.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's environmental assessment of the proposal is flawed for the following reasons:

- There was no independent research/modeling of impact of catastrophic event (i.e. "no new data were measured or derived as part of this report.")
- It is inappropriate to use an inspection report from a Pennsylvania facility. Hawaii is different and should be viewed as such.
- They should have considered an airplane crash's impact on the facility and the effect of losing control of radioactive material.
- They should have addressed security issues.
- People in Hawaii do not WANT irradiated food no matter how safe they claim it is. Irradiation of food is not safe, nutritious nor does it taste just like regular food. The irradiation facilities are dangerous and the technology does threaten American agriculture.

Please take a minute to read the following reasons why people oppose the irradiation of food.

1. Irradiation forms chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer and birth defects. One chemical, 2-ACBs, has been linked to cancer development in rats and genetic damage in human cells.
2. Irradiation can mask filthy conditions in today's mega-sized livestock slaughterhouses and food processing plants, where E. coli, Salmonella and other potentially deadly food-borne pathogens thrive in meat contaminated with feces, urine and pus.
3. Irradiated foods have failed spectacularly in the marketplace, despite millions of dollars in government subsidies for research and propaganda campaigns.
4. Many serious health problems have been observed in lab animals fed irradiated foods, including premature death, cancer, tumors, stillbirths, mutations, organ damage, immune system failure and stunted growth. In one experiment, genetic damage was detected in young children who ate irradiated wheat.

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5. Because it can extend shelf life and allow food to be shipped long distances around the world, irradiation could further globalize and consolidate the food industry. These destructive forces have already bankrupted thousands of American family farmers and ranchers.
6. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has legalized irradiated foods in defiance of federal regulations requiring comprehensive safety reviews.
7. Irradiation destroys vitamins, protein, essential fatty acids and other nutrients – up to 80 percent of vitamin A in eggs and half the beta carotene in orange juice.
8. Irradiation can ruin the flavor, odor and texture of food – sometimes disgustingly so. Zapped foods can taste and smell like a wet dog, burnt feathers, signed hair and rancid fat.
9. Numerous deaths, injuries, mishaps and acts of misconduct have occurred at irradiation plants throughout the world. In 1988 the owner of a New Jersey facility was sentenced to federal prison after covering up accidents and safety violations.
10. It remains legal to irradiate food with cesium-137, a highly radioactive waste material left over from the production of nuclear weapons. A cesium leak near Atlanta in 1988 – known as the “Three Mile Island of the irradiation industry” – cost taxpayers \$40 million to clean up.

Thank you for your attention in this matter

Judy Stover

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