



*"Mother's and others working to protect food, milk and water from radioactive contamination"*

## PLEASE ENDORSE FFAN's URGENT FDA FOOD SAFETY PETITION!

Fukushima Fallout Awareness Network (FFAN) and its Coalition organizations and concerned citizens across the country have launched an urgent campaign to educate the public on the need to safeguard our food, nutritional supplements and pharmaceuticals from radioactive contamination. Due to the ongoing fallout and exposure to radiation in the wake of the Fukushima Daiichi's triple nuclear meltdowns that are still releasing radioactivity into the environment, FFAN, Citizens for Health, Beyond Nuclear, and Ecological Options Network have launched a Citizen Petition to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Food And Drug Administration to keep harmful radioactive waste out of our food.

We are asking organizations like yours to join with us and sign FFAN's official FDA Citizen Petition by submitting a comment on the FDA Regulations.gov website. We also would like you to sign our companion petition at MoveOn.org addressed to FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, The United States House of Representatives, The United States Senate and President Barack Obama. We are requesting the FDA drastically reduce the amount of radioactive Cesium permitted in food from its now high level of 1200 Becquerels – Bq/kg (measure of radioactivity) to 5 Bq/kg, and that they quickly and responsibly institute widespread, transparent testing to ensure this limit, and when technologically feasible, measurements below 5 Bq/kg be taken. We are also requesting a public database of contamination levels be established and maintained, so concerned parents can determine safe food choices, and researchers can have the necessary data to assess long-reaching food safety to better track the widespread movement of radioactive Cesium in our environment.

The FDA has accepted FFAN's Citizen Petition into their process. However, in order for them to work with us in an official capacity we urgently need your comments now. They are accepting comments and supporting documents from organizations such as yours who are involved in the food, drug, health, and safety industries, as well as environmental, consumer, education and clergy organizations. The more organizations who submit their comments in support of this urgent matter the sooner the FDA will officially accept the petition! By signing and commenting on our Citizen Petition to the FDA, your organization will be listed as an endorser and your comments will be published in our campaign to educate and encourage other organizations to do the same. The following comment was recently submitted to the FDA by the Organic Consumers Association:

*"We are alarmed at the lack of testing currently in place to meet the present-and-growing threat of Cesium 134 and 137 contamination in our food supply. The time is past-due for a comprehensive response to radiation present in our food supply from the Fukushima disaster.*

*"... FDA should promulgate a binding U.S. threshold of 5 Bq/kg of Cesium 134-137 contamination, but there is no safe dose. Consumers should have the information they need to manage their own Cesium 134/137 intake. The FDA should require the testing and labeling of Cesium 134/137 in food." —Alexis Lynn Baden-Mayer, Political Director of OCA*

Please join with us today by simply following the **Two Steps** listed below. To sign as an organization, please follow the link in **Step One "FDA Submit Comment"** and fill out their brief form identifying your organization; list your name and title associated with your organization; upload any supporting documents you might have, and submit your comments; copy your comments, then follow the link in **Step Two "MoveOn Citizen Petition"** and sign, then post your comments there as well.

**STEP ONE: Sign (add your support through a comment) the "FDA Submit Comment" Petition here:**

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FDA-2013-P-0291-0001>

**STEP TWO: Make your voice count by signing and commenting on this "MoveOn Citizen Petition" created for the general public:** [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/keep-harmful-radioactive-1.fb26?source=c.fb&r\\_by=7470505](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/keep-harmful-radioactive-1.fb26?source=c.fb&r_by=7470505)

Thank you for your support on this vital matter! Please share this Citizen Petition with your members.  
Kimberly Roberson, FFAN Director.

*FFAN is a Coalition of Concerned Parents and Others including these Member Groups:*

*Beyond Nuclear · Citizens for Health · Ecological Options Network · Nuclear Free Planet · Nuclear Information and Resource Service*

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