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SUPPLEMENT 1

Fukushima Fallout Awareness Network (FFAN) submits the attached two items to Supplement our Citizen Petition, Docket No. FDA-2013-P-0291.

The first item is a news article from a major Japanese news outlet, the Asahi Shimbun. The article details new machinery currently employed in Japan that streamlines the testing process for radioactive material in food. This streamlined process involves a conveyor belt, can sort samples, does not destroy samples, and can test 1,400 samples per hour. This technology might be easily employed here, in the United States, with limited burden or interruption on trade.

The second item is a news article from the front page of the New York Times. This article details some of the disconcerting new evidence directly from Japan, including the failure of containment, the continual and persistent leaking of radioactive water, and the cleanup takeover by the Japanese government from TEPCO (the electric company who owns the nuclear power plant which suffered catastrophe). With actions like these in mind, the threat posed by the 3/11 nuclear disaster should not be casually dismissed.

We would like to reiterate the importance of determining the extent of radiological threat to the U.S. food supply, the vulnerability of the population (especially pregnant women, infants, and younger children), and the solutions available which are not overly burdensome.

Singerely,

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