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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We received your letter dated December 18, 2007, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review a number of issues concerning the safety of irradiated foods.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. To fully respond to your request, GAO plans to initiate work on this project in about six months when it is expected that staff with the required skills will be available. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment. Mr. Robinson or a member of his team will contact Mr. Kevin Barstow to discuss the request and options for helping you meet your needs. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robinson at 202-512-3841 or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Frances Widner*

for Gloria L. Jarmon  
Managing Director for  
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