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### WHY IS IT???

ICCVAM,s European counterpart has approved dozens of non-animal test methods. Yet our government is working to keep U.S. policies in the Dark Ages. ICCVAM finds a reason to ignore or to refuse to approve even those methods that are accepted~and in widespread use~internationally.

### WHY WOULD YOU???

ICCVAM has become a major obstacle to the adoption of more sophisticated, animal-free test methods, causing two major problems. First, animals are being killed needlessly. Second, public health is jeopardized, as non-animal test methods have been demonstrated to be more accurate, more sensitive, and more protective of public health. As a result of its poor performance and pressure from PETA and other members of the animal protection community, ICCVAM was told by Congress last year to develop a five-year plan to identify areas of high priority. Shamefully, ICCVAM,s „new%o draft plan is nothing new and shows that ICCVAM has no intention of entering the 21st century.

## PLEASE...

Please, immediately, accept internationally validated non-animal methods, including non-animal test methods for skin corrosion and sensitization, eye corrosion and irritation, phototoxicity, and pyrogenicity (fever induction), and to follow the additional December 2006 recommendations of the animal protection community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

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