

Subject: ICCVAM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). To the best of my knowledge, ICCVAM has validated just one non-animal test method that originated in the U.S. in the 10 years since the agency's inception. Yet, theoretically, ICCVAM's entire function as a governmental body is to explore, validate, and promote non-animal test methods. In fact, it seems to me that ICCVAM's history is antithetical to its stated purpose.

Please do all that you can to further ICCVAM's acceptance of internationally validated non-animal test methods--including non-animal test methods for skin and eye irritation, phototoxicity, and pyrogenicity--as well as follow December 2006 recommendations of the animal protection community. This means significantly revising the proposed draft currently submitted under the five-year plan.

Sincerely,

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