

Subject: Unacceptable performance  
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Unacceptable. There's no other word for it. After ten years of work by ICCVAM we have only ONE non-animal test method that's originated here in the U.S.? This is absurd.

Your European counterpart has approved dozens of non-animal test methods--tests that are in widespread use internationally.

We, however, are left with hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of animals being killed needlessly, along with the human cost of being left with "dark ages" tests with poor efficacy. You should be aware that non-animal test methods have demonstrated more accurate and more sensitive results, yet you have not acted.

There is no excuse for such poor performance. You were directed by Congress last year to develop a new five-year plan, yet it appears to be a rehash of old plans. It is time: PLEASE accept internationally validated non-animal protocols, to include NON-animal test methods for skin and eye irritation, phototoxicity, and pyrogenicity.

Do it NOW.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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