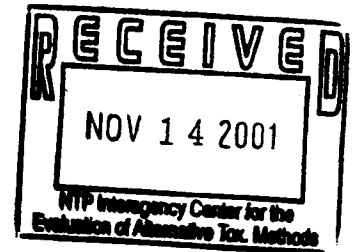


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Dear Mr. Stokes:

I strongly believe that all government agencies that currently require the acute animal-poisoning studies should not only immediately incorporate the in-vitro cell culture method as a transitional means of reducing the number of animals killed, but should fully support the use of this method as an eventual replacement for lethal dose poisoning studies. Furthermore, the EPA should immediately incorporate the non-animal cell culture method into its HPV chemical program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Brand
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