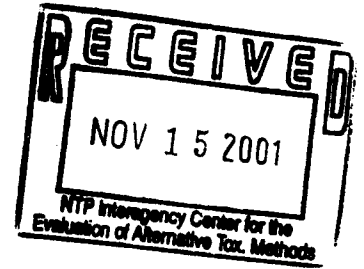


November 8, 2001



To: Dr. William Stokes, Director

Subject: Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for
Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity

Dear Dr. Stokes,

Please begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

I am totally in support of the findings of the scientists who are advocating at least a partial implementation of in vitro testing, and who are setting a "starting dose" for the lethal poisoning tests, thereby reducing the number of animals in the tests.

I sincerely hope that you will take this one step further and replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods completely.

Thank you kindly,

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Collins