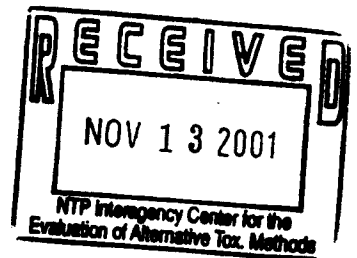


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Dr. William Stokes, Director  
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Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Dr. Stokes,

I am writing to ask you to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

I know that NIEHS scientists have begun a partial implementation that would reduce the number of animals used in tests, however, I request that efforts be increased to eventually do away with all animal testing. In-vitro cell culture tests are a much better alternative for everyone, especially the animals and those of us who believe their suffering is unnecessary and that results can be reached with alternative methods.

Thank you for your efforts thus far. With your help and leadership, lethal dose testing on animals can soon be a thing of the past.

Sincerely,

Dionne Lovett