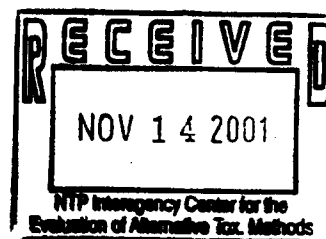


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Re: Report of the International Workshop on InVitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I strongly support and urge you and your organization to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

I hope my comments and opinion will be included in the public comment period.

Sincerely,

Gwen Mehring