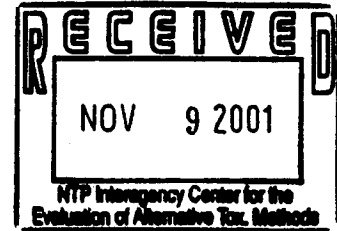


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Re: Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro
Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity

Dear Dr. Stokes:

Please begin efforts to totally (not partially) replace lethal dose poison testing with non-animal, in-vitro cell culture testing methods. Lethal dose poison tests are cruel, inhumane and antiquated, especially in an era of such monumental technical advances.

On behalf of those creatures who have no voice, your consideration of this change is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie West