

## Paw-Gram

Subject: Support for phasing out lethal animal tests!

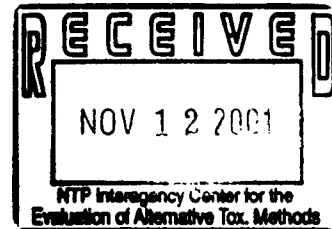
**Subject: Report of the International Workshop  
on In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute  
Systemic Toxicity**

I am writing to urge your support for phasing out lethal animal tests!

The LD50 Test is slowly being phased out internationally and is being replaced with tests that use fewer animals [or none at all]. NIEHS held a recent workshop that addressed the feasibility of going one step further and replacing the animal tests completely with in-vitro cell culture tests. Scientists at the NIEHS workshop have agreed to a partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for the lethal poisoning tests, which would have the effect of further reducing the number of animals in the tests. Please, do everything in your power to support the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests.

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

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