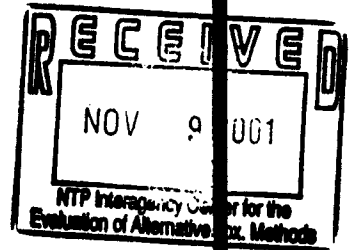


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RE: Replacement of LD50 Test with non-lethal methods

Dear Mr. Stokes:

It has come to my attention, recently that the NIEHS is inviting the public to comment on the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests. I'm writing to you as a concerned citizen and active member of the voting public.

We are in an age where technology is not only a means for scientific discovery. It is also a way of life. We need to utilize the technology we have such as in-vitro cell culture tests to phase out the out-dated animal testing methods such as the LD50. Animals tests are more expensive than non-lethal methods, produce more waste, and take more time.

Please consider alternatives to animal testing on order to make this world a better place for people and animals.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tami Wheeler