

Dear Dr. Stokes and Staff,

I am writing to ask that you cease immediately all animal lethal poisoning tests, and replace them with the more accurate in vitro cell culture method. Animals should not continue to suffer and die due to bureaucratic inertia--as health professionals I am sure you are alive to the cruelty of unnecessary suffering.

NIEHS recommends using the non-animal method to set the starting dose for

further animal- poisoning tests. If this test method is adequate to establish starting doses, why should it not completely replace animal tests? In particular, the EPA must keep its word to the animal protection community and, as promised in its 1999 agreement, use the cell culture method only in its HPV chemical program.

Thank you for considering this.

Regards,  
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