

Subject: You are falling behind

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Dear ICCVAM employee:

I am a supporter of NEAVS and I am aware that NEAVS has been monitoring what is happening at the government policy level that furthers efforts to replace animal testing with non-animal alternatives.

You are the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) are the United States agency overseeing the development of non-animal test methods and you have only approved only one non-animal test method originating in the U.S. A truly shameful record for the wealthiest and most "advanced" country in the world, when ICCVAM's European counter, ECVAM, has approved dozens.

Rather than being a vehicle to support development and adoption of animal-free testing, ICVAM has done little in comparison to what can and should be done. As a result, animals continue to needlessly die and human health suffers as animal tests continue to lead to less accurate and less sensitive information regarding human health.

I write this letter to let you know that I, my wife, and our extended family all support your immediate acceptance of internationally validated non-animal tests.

Sincerely,
Larry and Sharon Lapham