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

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I have sent this message to comment on the Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity. Simply stated, I urge the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

By instituting such a program, the annual deaths of literal millions of laboratory animals will soon come to a justifiable end without any loss to the legitimacy of results. In fact, the results will provide even more reliable data with regard to the toxicological effects of such substances.

Sincerely,

David A. Brunetti