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Dr. William Stokes, Director
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Dear Mr. Stokes,

The following is my comment on the phasing out of the Lethal Dose (LD 50) Test:

I urge the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to immediately stop the use of all live animals in the LD 50 test. Although a partial reduction in the number of animals killed is certainly a step in the right direction, it undermines the fact that the use of any non-human animals is no longer scientifically necessary. The use of animals in the LD 50 test should be replaced with *in vitro* cell culture tests; *in vitro* cell culture tests are more accurate, efficient, and humane.

Once again, I would like to urge the NIEHS to immediately stop the use of all live animals in the LD 50 test.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Amy Bottrell