Dr. William Stokes, Director NICEATM (MD EC-17), NIEHS P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

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

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I am writing to request that the NIEHS begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

I understand that Scientists at the recent NIEHS workshop have agreed to a partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for the lethal poisoning tests, which would have the effect of further reducing the number of animals in the tests.

Please accept my comments in support of the findings of these scientists and the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Vallone