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Subject: "Report for the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity"

Dear Dr. Stokes:

It is clearly a moral imperative: U.S. government agencies must stop torturing and killing animals in lethal-dose testing whenever, and as soon as, alternative means are developed. At a minimum, the EPA should immediately incorporate the non-animal cell-culture method into it HPV chemical program, as promised in its October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community.

Respectfully,

Hope Molinaro