November 5, 2001 Dr. William Stokes, Director NICEATM (MD EC-17), NIEHS P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Dr. Stokes,

I urge you to take necessary action to phase out lethal animal testing. I am referring to the cruel LD50 Test. I understand that this test is slowly being phased out internationally and is being replaced with tests that use fewer animals. I know there are in-vitro cell culture test techniques that use no animals at all. I urge you to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in-vitro testing.

Sincerely,

Richard Artley