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To: Neepa Choksi

Subject: RE: ICCVAM/NICEATM FR Notice: LLNA Nomination and Request for Data

Dear Dr. Choksi:

As you may know, I served on the panel that reviewed the LLNA as the first ICCVAM method. At that time the process was new and less developed than now. One of the challenges we faced was comparing somewhat limited data that were derived from non-uniform methodology. It certainly seems appropriate to take another look at the LLNA at this time and to develop performance standards. I suspect that a new data set will be richer, more methodologically uniform, and likely will include a wider range of compounds for consideration. Thus, it is an appropriate activity and deserves this further attention.

Sincerely,

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