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Dear Dr. Saylor:

The Office of Research and Development (ORD) would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) for the December, 2007, progress review of the National Center for Computational Toxicology (NCCT). We greatly appreciate the efforts of the members of the subcommittee who conducted the review, Drs. George Daston, James Clark, Richard DiGiulio, Muiz Mumtaz, John Quackenbush, and Cynthia Stokes.

The subcommittee was requested to provide advice on the progress made by the NCCT, and specifically on the ToxCast™ project, IT/IM activities, the virtual tissues projects, and biologically based dose-response modeling for arsenic.

Enclosed is our response to the comments and recommendations in your letter of September 16, 2008. Please feel free to contact me if further information is needed.

We are pleased that the BOSC was very supportive of NCCT and the direction we are taking in this very important research program. The guidance of the BOSC has been of great assistance to NCCT in crafting the second generation Implementation Plan. This plan, which covers FY09-12, will be presented at the fourth BOSC review later this year.

Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of ORD.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Reichman".

Kevin Reichman, Ph.D.

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Enclosure

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