

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Availability of Biennial Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM)**

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Availability of Biennial Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM).

SUMMARY: NICEATM announces the availability of the "Biennial Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM): 2004–2005." In accordance with requirements of the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l–3), this report describes progress made during 2004 and 2005 by ICCVAM and NICEATM. Copies can be obtained on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> or by contacting NICEATM at the address given below.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM**

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, or replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l–3), available at (<http://>

iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.htm) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of federal agencies. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 directs ICCVAM to prepare biennial reports on its progress and make these reports available to the public. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM is available on the following Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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