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Dear Admiral Stokes:

This letter is in response to a request from Dr. Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, requesting the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) response to the transmittal of Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) Test Method Recommendations for Assessing Ocular Hazard Potential of Chemicals and Products.

Staff in the NCI Division of Cancer Biology reviewed the four accompanying reports (NIH Publication Nos. 10-7514, 10-7553, 10-7513, and 10-7515) and found that the recommendations are consistent with the ICCVAM efforts to facilitate the scientific evaluation and adoption of test methods that will help protect human health and the environment while providing for improved animal welfare whenever possible.

The NCI is not one of the Federal agencies that promulgate regulations or guidelines regarding test methods or test method protocols and performance standards. We thus do not have relevant test methods for which ICCVAM test recommendations may be added or substituted.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these documents.

Sincerely,

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