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A New Vision and Direction for ICCVAM and NICEATM

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Abstract

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) is reorienting itself to better address advances in toxicological science while reflecting the needs and priorities of its partner regulatory agencies. ICCVAM includes representatives from 15 U.S. agencies that generate or use toxicological testing information. It promotes scientifically valid test methods that better protect human health and the environment while advancing the 3Rs. In 2013, ICCVAM initiated an effort to (1) explore new paradigms for validation and utilization of alternative toxicological methods, (2) identify areas of scientific focus, and (3) improve communications with the public. The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), which provides support for ICCVAM, is broadening its scope to support the National Toxicology Program and the Tox21 interagency consortium. Specific programmatic changes are described herein. This project was funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the NIEHS, NIH under Contract No. HHSN27320140003C.