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Dear Dr. Stokes:

As requested by Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director of NIEHS, in her letter of February 1, 2012, the National
Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is herein responding to you regarding test method
recommendations for assessing the endocrine receptor activity of chemicals and products. These methods
were recommended by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods
(ICCVAM).

NIOSH agrees that the recommended alternative methods are valid for screening substances for endocrine
receptor activity, as described in the ICCVAM evaluation reports NIOSH acknowledges the requirement
that each agency review the test methods and notify the ICCVAM regarding test methods for which these
alternative methods may be substituted. NIOSH is a research agency, has no regulatory testing
requirements, and does not perform testing for endocrine receptor activity. Therefore this agency has no
methods for which the subject methods might be substituted, and these methods are not applicable to the
agency. However, NIOSH will inform scientists via its Animal Care and Use Committee and will
continue to encourage use or consideration of alternative methods including these, in any animal-using
tests that the agency may conduct. NIOSH will attempt to identify and support research programs which
may contribute to future development of other alternative test methods.

NIOSH commends the efforts and accomplishments of ICCVAM in reviewing and evaluating these
alternative methods and other methods. We are proud of our participation on ICCVAM during its activity
as an interagency committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond for NIOSH about this ICCVAM achievement.

Sincerely,

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John Howard, M.D.
Director