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Dear Dr. Wilson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon the recommendations of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) on pyrogenicity testing. Although the Department of the Interior conducts considerable ecotoxicological research and monitoring of fish and wildlife, it has very limited regulatory authority for chemicals and pharmaceuticals. No research is conducted on chemical or pharmaceutical pyrogenicity.

The ICCVAM documents on the Validation Status of Five *In Vitro* Test Methods Proposed for Assessing Potential Pyrogenicity of Pharmaceuticals and Other Products (National Institutes of Health (NIH) Publication Number 08-6391: Background Review Document and NIH Publication 08-6392: Test Method Evaluation Report) were forwarded to select scientists at four science centers in the U.S. Geological Survey for review. The scientists had no comments on the documents.

We are pleased to assist in such reviews and will gladly provide in-depth comments on those test methods that are more closely allied to our mission.

Sincerely,

Suzette M. Kimball
Acting Director