

Comments opposing the use of animals in the NTP testing program were received on September 30, 2004 from the following (individual messages follow):

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Denise & Alex LaFleur
Deborah Holljes
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Sarah Panullo
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From: sarah panullo <sarahpanullo@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 1:03:21 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: concerned tax payer

I am writing to let you know i am appauled at the senseless tests animals are undergoing in labs in the united states. I love my country and I am dedicated to get animal testing abolished. We should be more civilized by this day and age.

I am asking you, therefore, to pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. I don't want my tax dollars spent on such things.

Sincerely,

Sarah

Panullo

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From: Denise & Alex LaFleur <dragonflydylf@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 7:31:48 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: Pull the Plug on Poisoning Tests on Newborn Primates-Thank you

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Animals are not test tubes with whiskers! The animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination must be stopped!

These are crude and outdated tests, also encouraging people to nominate chemicals to be tested makes it even more horrible. Please stop these tests.

Thank you,

Denise & Alex LaFleur

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From: dudejump@resist.ca

Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 12:06:58 PM US/Eastern

To: masten@niehs.nih.gov

Subject:

Hello,

I am writing you to please ask that you put an end to the cruel animal tests that NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination recommended in June. These tests are not required and are terribly cruel. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Christopher Garnett

From: Debra Moore <debbjmor@bellsouth.net>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 12:48:43 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: June Recommendations
Reply-To: debbjmor@bellsouth.net

Dear Sirs,

The intentional poisoning of non-human primates with substances that have already been tested to death, so to speak, is not only unnecessary, but it constitutes abuse in my mind. How can you do such things to innocent beings, including, but not limited to, newborn primates?

As an American citizen, I am saddened and shocked to learn that this kind of uncivilized, barbarism and abuse goes on in my country, the USA, however, I am told that it does, and daily! Why can't you strive to create ways to conduct these tests on stem cells or computer programs, perhaps even voluntary human beings....anything that would prevent the suffering of innocent, non-willing beings?

I am begging you to look into your hearts and see that this is wrong, and that it is unnecessary testing to the extreme. Please, please put a stop now, and forever to the types of animal tests recommended in June of this year by the NTP Interagency Committee for the Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Sincerely yours,
Debra J Moore
Rome GA

"The thinking man must oppose all cruel customs no matter how deeply rooted in tradition and surrounded by a halo." Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

From: Deborah <deb@holljes.com>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 8:07:24 PM US/Eastern
To: masten@niehs.nih.gov
Subject: Testing on Animals

Dear Mr. Masten,

I am writing because I am against the cruel practices engaged in to test on animals chemicals we already know are harmful. It is the measure of our humanity as to how we treat animals and what is done to them in the name of science is immoral and must stop. Please consider that there are better methods available. Animals are not here for us to coldly use for whatever we like. They are living, feeling creatures who only the cruelest amongst us could abuse so blithely. People are not animals and therefore don't even respond the same way in many instances. And do we still need to test perfluorinated compounds? We know they're bad. We already know a lot. It's time we moved forward in our evolution and stopped the sadistic practice of animal testing.

Sincerely,
Deborah Holljes
Philadelphia, PA

From: "onthesurface" <onthesurface@cox.net>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 5:27:12 PM US/Eastern
To: <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: primate testing

Dr. Maston,

I wrote to request that you stop doing poisoning tests on newborn primates. It is a cruel and amature way to see the affects of toxins. Please stop this process, as the primates deserve to have a cruelty-free life too!

Sincerely,

Reese Climer

From: Patricia McCauley <denbeath@verizon.net>
Date: Thu Sep 30, 2004 7:00:00 AM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: tchemical toxicology testing on animals

Dear Dr Scott Masten,

I am wanting to remain respectful so I will keep this very short.

What you do to living, feeling beings in your laboratory is barbaric and nothing less than evil.

Sincerely,
Patricia McCauley
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As far as pain is concerned, there is no real distinction between the pain of humans and the pain of animals, because the love and compassion of the mother for her young is not reasoned intellectually, but has only to do with emotions and instincts, which are found among animals no less than among human beings. (Maimonides, The Guide of the Perplexed, 3:48)