

Scott Masten

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**Subject:** animals

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 11:40 PM

**From:** Jennifer Shull <jennifershull@earthlink.net>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Dr. Masten,

Please stop the cruel tests on animals recommended by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

You have the power to prevent so much suffering! Please protect the innocent. Harming them is cruel and wasteful!

Thank you, Jennifer Shull

Scott Masten

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**Subject:** <no subject>

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 11:09 PM

**From:** dobbsjandj <dobbsjandj@email.msn.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dr. Masten,

Please put a stop to the poisoning tests on newborn primates. These are defenseless beings that do not deserve to suffer. You'll be a better person if you stop this abuse.

Thank you,

Jennifer L. Dobbs

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

Scott Masten

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**Subject: animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 10:48 PM

**From:** Jennie Stever <nicojen@msn.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Jennifer Stever  
4 Camino Santiago  
Algodones, NM 87001  
October 18, 2004

Dear Mr. Masten,

I am writing in reference to the nomination by the Food and Drug Administration to test Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate on newborn male primates. I would like to remind you that primate babies need the same things as their human counterparts: they need to be held, loved, talked to, and played with. They need to interact with other primates and have enrichment so they do not become bored and listless. Please take into consideration my strong feelings against this testing and my request that NTP 'pull the plug' on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. As a mother and an elementary school teacher I feel that this testing is inhumane.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stever

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Poison Testing on Newborn Primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 9:17 PM

**From:** Jane Smyth <JSmyth@gci.com>

**To:** "'olden@niehs.nih.gov'" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "'masten@niehs.nih.gov'" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Cc:** "'ngandelman@janegoodall.org'" <ngandelman@janegoodall.org>

**Dr. Kenneth Olden**, Director  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
olden@niehs.nih.gov

**Dr. Scott Masten**  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
masten@niehs.nih.gov

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to request that the NTP denies the testing of Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, for studies on reproductive, immune and other effects, by using baby primates, as recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. Though I do understand that animal testing is an unfortunate "fact of life", I do not feel that it is humane to do so in most, if not all, cases. I am greatly disturbed by this particular recommendation.

Given that **all** primate babies need to be held, loved, talked to, and played with, and that it has been repeatedly proven that they are intelligent beings, and aware of what is going on around them, subject to similar, if not the same, emotions and feelings as we humans are, to poison them with this substance is immoral, unjust, and, above all, inhumane. This action would amount to probable torture to these babies, and I would be wrong not to voice my concerns. I do understand that the common thinking is that, since they *are* so closely related to humans that it makes them the "ideal candidates" for such testing, but surely there are other ways of doing this research without subjecting infants to this?

Please, I urge you, do not follow through with the recommendations of the Committee until all options and possibilities are thoroughly investigated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,

*Jane A. Smyth*

3804 Iowa Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Opposition to primate testing**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 9:04 PM

**From:** Mara Guccione <lilgooch2@yahoo.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>, <olden@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Dr. Olden and Dr. Masten,

I am writing to comment on the National Toxicology Program's proposed test to study Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, a chemical used in plastic IV bags, for studies on reproductive, immune and other effects. I understand that these tests would involve injection of the substance into newborn male primates. I am extremely opposed to testing on primates and I would like to ask that you not proceed with such tests.

While I understand that there is a need to conduct tests to determine the level of toxicity of such chemicals, I am thoroughly disgusted that animals continue to be used in such research. Primate babies need to be held, loved, talked to, and played with; in other words, they need the same conditions as human infants. Primate babies need to interact with other primates and have enrichment so they do not become bored and listless. Most importantly, primates and other animals need human beings to treat them with kindness and humanity, and allow them to live harm-free lives.

I implore you to reject the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Sincerely,  
Mara Guccione  
2838 Grant Street  
Berkeley, CA 94703

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**Subject: Concern**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 4:10 PM

**From:** Stephen Wearing <S.Wearing@uts.edu.au>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Cc:** <Parthenopi.Regas@uts.edu.au>, <olden@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Scott - I wish to express my concern that this testing is occurring particularly re testing of substances known to be harmful already.

Each year, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity. What,s worse is that the NTP actively encourages people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a veritable laundry list of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grapeseed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze. True to form, the NTP,s latest testing recommendations spell suffering and death to many thousands of animals:

- The Food and Drug Administration nominated Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (a chemical used in plastic IV bags) for studies of reproductive, immune, and other effects that would involve injection of the substance into newborn male rats and nonhuman primates.
- The Environmental Protection Agency nominated „perfluorinated compounds%00 for extensive study, including cancer and reproduction testing, on the basis of „presumed%00 widespread human exposure, despite the fact that large amounts of human and animal toxicity data are already available for these chemicals.
- A „private individual%00 recommended that the dietary supplement „bitter orange extract%00 undergo „subchronic%00 toxicity studies (which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals.

*Stephen Wearing*

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Scott Masten

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**Subject: Animal Testing**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 8:18 PM

**From:** DFletcher35@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Dr. Masten:

Animals need not be used as test tubes. Please stop the animal tests recommended in June. Have a heart and be smart. You'll have a clearer conscience if you protect animals from the abuses of the laboratory.

Sincerely,  
Joseph and Deborah Fletcher

Scott Masten

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**Subject: no cruelty on infant primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 8:09 PM

**From:** ptravennest@juno.com

**To:** <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dr. Kenneth Olden, Director National Toxicology Program

Dr. Scott Masten, Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection - National Toxicology Program

Dr. Olden and Dr. Masten,

I understand that you are taking comments on the proposal of NTP to test Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate on infant primates. I object this is unusually cruel practice. The use of primates is cruel as these species are advanced intellectually and have a strong social structure much like humans. Most importantly primate babies need the same things as their human counterparts - they need to be held, loved, talked to, and played with. They need to interact with other primates and have enrichment so they do not become bored and listless.

Please STOP chemical testing on new born primates. We as a species do not have the right to condemn other primates to a miserable life of torture. As a wildlife biologist I have deep concern about the ethics of your program. I ask you to take a small step to reduce the suffering by not allowing this testing to proceed.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Polly Thurston , MA, BS ecology

ptravennest@juno.com

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Please stop poisoning tests on newborn primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 5:28 PM

**From:** Don Walker <coovegan4life@hotmail.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>, <olden@niehs.nih.gov>

Please stop poisoning tests on newborn primates.

Please consider that the moral permissibility of an action is not contingent on whether or not we benefit from the action. Animals are not here for our gain. They are entities in their own right.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" -M. Ghandi.

Thank you,  
Don Walker  
South Lyon, MI

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**Subject: chemical testing on newborn primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 5:19 PM

**From:** Mikal Jacobs <hogwartsaz@yahoo.com>

**To:** <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Sirs,

Please stop testing primates with dangerous chemicals. And if you won't stop experimenting, please treat them fairly. They need to be talked to, played with, loved, and fed. Think of you as a baby chimp and you got separated from your mother and tested with chemicals. Think about it.

Sincerely,

Jacob Goldfeld (age 7)

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Scott Masten

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**Subject: chemical testing on primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 5:06 PM

**From:** Anne A. Goldfeld <goldfeld@aya.yale.edu>

**Reply-To:** goldfeld@aya.yale.edu

**To:** "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Sirs,

I was saddened to learn that NTP plans to conduct chemical testing on newborn primates. Research shows that primates are genetically very similar to human beings. They feel pain and emotion the same as you do. Imagine the terror of an infant separated from his mother to undergo this type of invasive procedure which will likely result in his physical harm. While I am strongly against testing on primates, I am aware that my opinion may not change your agenda. I implore you, at the very least, to treat the animals with as much compassion as possible. Primate babies have the same needs as human babies: they need to be held, loved, played with, talked to. They need to interact with other primates. Please have a heart. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Anne Goldfeld, MSW, MPH

Scott Masten

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**Subject: chemical testing on primates**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 4:52 PM

**From:** Mikal Jacobs <hogwartsaz@yahoo.com>

**To:** <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Sir,

Can you please stop testing chemicals on newborn primates? You should stop testing on newborn primates because their habitat is out in the wild. Dr. Jane Goodall loves them and doesn't want them to get hurt. I feel that they should be free, and you should not test on animals. If you do test, you need to treat them kindly. They need to be held, loved, talked to, and played with. They need to interact with other primates and have enrichments so they do not become bored and listless. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Samantha Goldfeld (age 8)

Scottsdale, AZ

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**Subject: National Toxicology Program**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 4:23 PM

**From:** Beth Henderson <sacerson@yahoo.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

To Dr. Scott Masten :

In regards to the National Toxicology Program, I find the testing/intentional poisoning of living, feeling creatures cruel and unnecessary. Animals are not the property of humans, and human life is not more precious than other animal life. Please show respect for life and stop these inhumane practices.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Beth Henderson

Scott Masten

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**Subject: NTP Proposed Testing**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 3:33 PM

**From:** Tracy\_Hughes@nlgroup.ca

**To:** <Tracy\_Hughes@nlgroup.ca>

Please reconsider the proposed testing of chemicals on animals. Animals feel pain and suffering, they are sentient beings that deserve our respect and protection.

Please???

Thanks

Scott Masten

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**Subject: National Toxicology Program**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 11:46 AM

**From:** Amy Caldwell <ACaldwell@beacon.org>

**To:** <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Dear Drs. Kenneth Olden and Scott Masten,

I'm writing to condemn toxicology testing on primates. The tests done by the National Toxicology Program are often redundant or unnecessary, and absolutely necessary tests can be done on mice. Testing on primates is simply immoral.

As a citizen and voter, I ask that you stop the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Sincerely,

Amy Caldwell

Somerville, Massachusetts

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Public Comment on NTP Proposed Tests for Chemical Toxicity**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 11:41 AM

**From:** LaurenAPrice@aol.com

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

October 18, 2004

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-07  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Dr. Masten,

As a taxpayer, consumer and a citizen extremely concerned about the welfare of humanity, the environment, and animals I write to respectfully request that you halt the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. Every year the Federal Government spends millions in taxpayer dollars to re-test chemicals that have already been proven harmful - which is redundant and highly wasteful - and to evaluate plant extracts that have been safely used by consumers for years. The end result is ineffectual and superfluous data, wasted taxpayer dollars, and the torture and killing of animals -- including primates, who are our closest genetic relatives. How can we justify this cruelty and wasted money when there are highly effective and less expensive evaluations that can be used that do not involve the use of animals?

I urge you to put an end to the torture and suffering of thousands of animals subjected every day to a barrage of painful and barbaric tests, and to the senseless waste of the American public's hard earned tax dollars. Please ban the use of animals in NTP evaluations and divert funds to the proven cruelty-free and cost-effective alternatives.

Thank you for your serious attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to learning of your historic new policy directives and hope to celebrate your leadership in creating a scientific community that demonstrates respect, reverence and compassion for all life, as well as sound financial acumen.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Price  
532 6th Avenue, #2L  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Scott Masten

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**Subject: Please pull plug on all animal tests.**

**Date:** Monday, October 18, 2004 2:17 AM

**From:** Rita A Hellmann <rhellmann1@juno.com>

**To:** <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

**Your voice can make a difference for animals! Please take a few moments today to politely remind the NTP that animals are not test tubes with whiskers, and demand that it pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination:**

Thanks,

Rita

Rec'd 10/18/04

Oct. 12, 2004  
2005 Wolftrap Oaks  
Ct.

Vienna, VA 22182

Dear Dr. Maxten -

We urge you to stop

all of the animal tests recommended  
in June by the NTP Interagency  
Comm. for Chemical Evaluation +  
Co-ordination,

Thank you!  
The Altman  
Family

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Science  
P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-07  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

*Recd 10/18/04*

Oct. 13, 2004

Michael Stofiel  
3923 Holmes, Apt. B  
Kansas City, MO 64110

**Dear Dr. Kenneth Olden,**

I am disgusted by the National Toxicology Program for spending millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity.

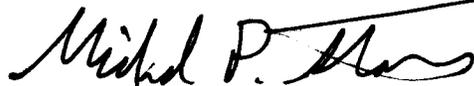
These proposed tests do nothing but cause needless suffering and death to animals.

Especially true because many of the chemicals proposed to be tested already have large amounts of human and animal toxicity data available and many of the proposed chemicals have been used by humans for years with no negative side effects.

Duplicate testing of chemicals such as turpentine and antifreeze shows a complete lack of caring and empathy for suffering and pain. These chemicals are known to be deadly and a horrible way to die. Why subject defenseless creatures to this horror when it is absolutely not needed.

Please put a stop to these cruel and unnecessary tests and remember that animals are not test tubes but feeling suffering creatures who have no voice to defend themselves from these horrors.

Sincerely,



Michael Stofiel

October 12, 2004

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
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P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-07  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

*Rec'd 10/14/04*

**RE: Request for Comments on Substances Nominated to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) for Toxicological Studies and on the Testing Recommendations Made by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC); Solicitation of Information on Nominated Substances**

Dear Mr. Masten:

I am writing to ask that the NTP disregard all recommendations made in June by the ICCEC that involve animal-based toxicity tests. There is ample evidence that supports the efficacy of toxicity research that does not rely on the animal model. The work of Björn Eckwall, MD, PhD has successfully demonstrated that human cell culture tests have better predictive value, are less expensive, and avoid the extreme suffering associated with animal-based toxicity testing.

Problems associated with extrapolation of information from animal studies to toxicity in humans render lethal animal testing in these instances unnecessary, cruel, wasteful and misleading. Animal testing simply cannot accurately assess the risks associated with acute chemical poisoning. For the sake of human and animal health, I urge you to employ in vitro testing in every instance where ICCEC recommendations implicate that methodology and to abandon the ethically and scientifically unsound research methods that rely on the animal model.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Leana Stormont



Ms. Leana Stormont  
310 Reno St.  
Iowa City, IA 52245

October 13, 2004

*Recvd 10/18/04*

Dr. Scott Masten  
Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection  
National Toxicology Program  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
P.O Box 12233, MD A3-07  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Dear Dr. Masten;

I am writing you to politely remind you that animals are not test tubes with whiskers, and to demand that you pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David A. Craig