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**Points You May Wish to Include in Letters to NRDC**

- I was shocked to learn that the Natural Resources Defense Council has called for the use of nonvalidated animal tests such as the EPA's developmental neurotoxicity test, has actively opposed passage of the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) bill to create a government-wide mechanism to ensure the proper validation of test methods used for regulatory purposes, and continues to push the EPA to begin the largest animal-testing program of all time—the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP).
- Poisoning animals in chemical toxicity tests is a useless, violent, and unethical practice.
- It is appalling that an "environmental" organization would not only support killing large numbers of animals in painful toxicity tests, but vigorously oppose efforts to minimize animal suffering and death in a massive program like the EDSP.
- No animal test method in use today has ever been properly scientifically validated to determine its reliability and relevance to humans. Therefore, the results of animal tests are always subject to interpretation and manipulation, much to the detriment of human health and environmental protection.
- Despite killing hundreds of thousands of animals in cruel poisoning tests, the EPA has not banned a single toxic industrial chemical in more than a decade using its authority under the Toxic Substances Control Act. There is no excuse for poisoning animals to gather data that are clearly not being used to protect the environment or the safety of the public.
- Environmental organizations should be lobbying to reduce human and environmental exposures to hazardous chemicals instead of demanding endless new animal tests.
- The goals of protecting the public and the environment from hazardous chemicals and protecting animals from suffering and death in laboratories are not mutually exclusive.
- Non-animal test methods are not only more humane, they are generally more rapid and economical, often producing results that are more reliable and relevant to humans than the results of tests on animals.
- Please confirm in writing that the Natural Resources Defense Council will no longer support animal-testing so that I may once again feel confident in supporting your organization.