

## **Mean Greenies Talking Points**

### **Points You May Wish to Include in Letters to Environmental Groups**

- I was shocked to learn that your organization has supported or actively called for more animal-testing of chemicals by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Poisoning animals in chemical toxicity tests is a useless, violent, and unethical practice.
- 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 will not 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 which are more reliable and relevant to humans than the results of tests on animals.
- Please confirm in writing that your organization will no longer support animal testing so that I can once again feel confident in supporting your work.