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**STATEMENT ON COVANCE'S DECISION TO PURSUE ALTERNATIVES TO
INCINERATOR**

Princeton, New Jersey, December 22, 2006 – Covance has made a decision to pursue another alternative to an onsite incinerator in handling waste disposal for its new facility in Chandler, Arizona. The company has previously stated that it was considering various options of waste disposal, including using licensed third-party vendors experienced with disposal or other new alternative technologies.

Covance is confident that an incinerator would be appropriate at the Chandler facility as its use of incinerators at other locations have constantly met or exceeded local, state and federal regulations. However, based on business and economic factors as well as community input, Covance will be looking at existing licensed waste disposal providers who have the expertise in handling this waste. No decision has been made on the specific provider or providers Covance will be using, but they will be required to meet all applicable environmental standards.