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#### COMMENT PERIOD OPENS ON PROPOSED POTASSIUM IODIDE RULE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has opened a formal, 90-day comment period on a proposed amendment to NRC's emergency planning regulations to include the possible use of potassium iodide as a supplemental protection for the public in case of a severe nuclear power plant accident.

The proposed rule also includes a modification of an earlier Commission statement as to NRC funding of potassium iodide stockpiles.

The proposed amendment, which was published in the June 14 edition of the Federal Register, is open for public comment until September 13. Comments should be sent to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications staff. Comments may also be filed electronically as described in the Federal Register notice.

NRC issued a press release on April 23 announcing the proposed rule, which would amend Part 50.47(b) (10) of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

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