



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director *DR*
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION ON STOCKPILING POTASSIUM IODIDE

Attached for your information is H.R. 783, a bill introduced February 28 by Representative English (R-PA). This bill is identical to legislation Representative English introduced last Congress. H.R. 783 directs the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) jointly with the NRC to develop a plan for stockpiling potassium iodide tablets in areas within a 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Attachment:
As stated

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(Original Signature of Member)

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H.R. 783

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ENGLISH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
gency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Fed-
eral Emergency Management Agency to develop a plan
for stockpiling potassium iodide tablets in areas within
a 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 **SECTION 1. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS.**
- 4 Subtitle A of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
- 5 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.



1 5196 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **"SEC. 616. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS.**

4 “(a) **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.**—The Director, jointly
5 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other appro-
6 priate Federal agencies, shall develop a plan for stock-
7 piling potassium iodide tablets in areas within a 50-mile
8 radius of a nuclear power plant.

9 “(b) **C ONTENTS.**—The plan shall include a strategy
10 for the efficient storage and prompt delivery of potassium
11 iodide tablets to persons that may be affected by a disaster
12 at a nuclear power plant.

13 “(c) **R EPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year
14 after the date of enactment of this section, the Director
15 shall transmit the plan to Congress.

16 “(d) **I MPLEMENTATION.**—Following the 60-day pe-
17 riod beginning on the date of transmittal of the plan under
18 subsection (c), the Director shall begin implementation of
19 the plan.”.

