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Governor Howard Dean  
State of Vermont

TO:

Chairman Meserve

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 01-0644

Chairman

DESC:

ROUTING:

Vermont's Interest in Making Potassium Iodide (KI)  
Available to Residence in the Zone Surrounding  
Vermont Yankee

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ERCT  
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DATE: 12/06/01

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:  
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Coordinate response with ERCT.

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SUBJECT: Concerns Vermont's interest in making potassium iodide (KI) available to residence in the zone surrounding Vermont Yankee

ACTION: Signature of Chairman

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Richard Meserve, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Meserve:

I am writing to express Vermont's interest in making potassium iodide (KI) available in a safe and effective way to people who reside in the zone surrounding Vermont Yankee. I understand that following the events of September 11 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Food and Drug Administration, and Federal Emergency Management Agency have all been working collaboratively to update recommendations regarding KI. Vermont has already begun working on a plan to make KI available to residents who wish to have it. This plan would be incorporated as adjunct to our overall radiological emergency response plan.

We believe it is critical to emphasize that the use of KI is not a substitute for evacuation. It is simply one more protective measure we can provide in addition to evacuating, sheltering, and controlling contaminated food.

I envision that Vermont's final plan will allow individuals to keep KI in their homes - after receiving full information on the risks and benefits, proper dosage, medical contraindications, and the importance of following emergency preparedness and response directives. Special education and appropriate follow-up would be provided to pregnant women and infants. The plan would also provide for emergency distribution of KI at our reception center.

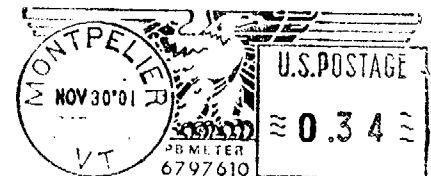
I hereby request your assistance in implementing Vermont's plan as it is finalized and incorporated as an adjunct to the Vermont Radiological Emergency Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Dean".

Howard Dean, M.D.  
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