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Janet R. Schlueter, Director
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Schlueter:

Thank you for your letter of November 10th offering the Commonwealth one ounce bottles of oral solution potassium iodide (KI) for use by children under 10 years of age, living within the 10-mile emergency planning zones (EPZ) around our state's five nuclear power plants. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Commonwealth respectfully declines your offer to supply 65 mg doses of KI.

It is the position of the Commonwealth that an evacuation of the EPZ, when declared, is the best protective action during a nuclear power plant emergency. However, the 130 mg tablets previously supplied by NRC, and routinely pre-distributed in the 10-mile EPZ by our PA Department of Health (DOH), is an appropriate *supplemental* protective measure in the event of release of radioactive iodine. Again, it remains our position that evacuation of the 10-mile EPZ, and perhaps further food and water restrictions within the 10 to 50-mile EPZ (if warranted) – are the best protective actions.

As you requested, I'd also note that I have coordinated our response with the Governor's Office, our DOH and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Should you or your staff have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. My telephone number is 717-787-2480.

Sincerely,

David J. Allard, CHP
Director

cc: Kathleen McGinty (DEP)
Dr. Calvin Johnson (DOH)
Col. James Joseph (PEMA)
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