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Mr. John C. Hoyle  
Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION  
DOCKET NO. 50/395  
COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING  
FILLED BY MR. PETER G. CRANE  
(60 Fed. Reg. 58256-November 27, 1995)

DOCKET NUMBER  
PETITION RULE PRM 50-63  
(60FR58256) (18)

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) submits these comments on the petition for rulemaking to amend the emergency planning standard in 10 CFR 50.47, (60 Fed. Reg. 58256, November 27, 1995), "Peter C. Crane, Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking." The proposed petition recommends that the planning standard for protective actions for the general public include the prophylactic use of potassium iodide (KI).

SCE&G strongly urges the NRC to deny the petition. SCE&G believes that protective action stockpiling or predistribution of KI will not add any significant public health and safety benefit. The current protective actions of evacuation and sheltering provide the best level of protection for the general public for most situations.

A program to mandate the stockpiling and distribution of KI for the general public will result in new and additional problems for state and local governments and may deter from the focus in providing the most effective and preferred means of protection of the general public, which is evacuation.

The safety record of the U. S. commercial nuclear power program and the demonstrated strength of the emergency preparedness programs of commercial nuclear power plants provide a level of protection to the health and safety of the general public and employees unequalled by any other industry in the world.

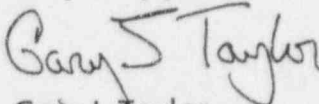
SCE&G appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comment on this petition for rulemaking.

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