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Secretary  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn.: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: Petition for Rulemaking Filed by Mr. Peter G.  
Crane (60 FR 58256, November 27, 1995)

Duke Power Company wishes to offer the following comments on  
the Petition for Rulemaking Filed by Mr. Peter G. Crane (60 FR  
58256, November 27, 1995).

Duke Power agrees with and endorses the comments submitted on  
behalf of the industry by the Nuclear Energy Institute. Duke  
Power strongly urges the NRC to deny this petition. Including  
stockpiling or predistribution of potassium iodide (KI) as a  
protective action for the general public will not add any  
significant public health and safety benefit to the adequate  
level of protection currently provided by existing emergency  
planning at and around commercial nuclear power plants.

The current "Federal Policy on Distribution of Potassium  
Iodide for Use as a Thyroidal Blocking Agent" provides  
sufficient guidance to state and local governments. It  
recommends the stockpiling or distribution of KI during  
emergencies for emergency workers and institutional persons,  
but does not recommend that predistribution or stockpiling be  
required for the general public. Duke Power believes states  
and local authorities should be left free to determine whether  
stockpiling is needed for a particular site.

Yours truly,

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