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Draft NUREG-1633, "Assessment of the Use of Potassium Iodide (KI)
As a Protective Action During Severe Reactor Accidents,"
(63 Fed. Reg. 38865, July 20, 1998)

North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic), managing agent for the Joint Owners of Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant, endorses the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) comments on the draft NUREG-1633, "Assessment of the Use of Potassium Iodide (KI) As a Protective Action During Severe Reactor Accidents," (63 Fed. Reg. 38865, July 20, 1998).

North Atlantic believes that the use of KI as a protective action may be detrimental to the implementation of an effective emergency preparedness program that utilizes evacuation as a fundamental action. Therefore, we recommend that the NRC reverse its decision to revise emergency planning regulation to include consideration of KI as a protective measure for the general public.

North Atlantic appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft NUREG. If you should have any questions on North Atlantic's comments, please contact Mr. Donald R. Tailleart, Emergency Preparedness Manager, at (603)773-7359.

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