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Mr. Chuck Hardin, Executive Director
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Program Directors, Inc.
205 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. Hardin:

The purpose of this letter is to invite Mr. Jim Hardeman as the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) E-6 Committee representative, to participate on the KI Core Group formed to issue a final guidance document on the use of potassium iodide (KI) as a supplemental public protective action. In July 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued draft NUREG-1633, "Assessment of the Use of Potassium Iodide (KI) As a Public Protective Action During Severe Reactor Accidents," for public comment. The comment period ended September 15, 1998. On September 30, the Commission directed the staff to issue a *Federal Register* notice informing the public that in light of the many useful public comments received to date, the draft NUREG will be withdrawn and a substantially revised document that takes those comments into account will be issued in its place. On October 16, 1998, the staff issued the *Federal Register* notice and withdrew the draft NUREG.

To accomplish the task directed by the Commission, the staff determined that a KI Core Group should be formed comprising representatives from those States that have KI as a supplemental protective action (i.e., Alabama, Tennessee, and Arizona), the emergency response committee from the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The goal of the KI Core Group is to develop a revised draft NUREG-1633 and an accompanying draft user-friendly brochure to support emergency planning decisions on the role and use of KI in site-specific emergency plans. The revised NUREG will take into account the many useful public comments received and will discuss the factors that need to be weighed in State and local decisions on the role of KI under their specific local conditions; will discuss in some detail the various guidance on the issue in World Health Organization (WHO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) documents; and will include a discussion on how the practical problems in KI stockpiling, distribution, and use are handled in the States and numerous nations which already plan to use KI as a supplemental public protective action. The proposed user-friendly brochure will provide an abbreviated discussion of the factors which need to be considered by emergency planning decisionmakers in recommending general public use of KI and practical solutions to potential problems with KI stockpiling, distribution, and use. As a member of the Core Group, you or your representative will review the draft NUREG, the comments received, and the guidance documents of the WHO, IAEA, and FDA, resolve any outstanding issues, develop the necessary additional discussion and guidance, and propose a revised draft NUREG-1633.

Our initial estimate for this effort is a series of three meetings, each about a week long, spread over the next 10 months. The schedule for completion of this task is enclosed for your information. Following a conference call on October 22, 1998 among the Core Group

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members, it was agreed to schedule the first meeting of the Core Group on December 1-4, 1998, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The Core Group will conduct its public meeting from 8:30am to 4:30pm on December 1-3, 1998, and from 8:30am to 12:00 noon on December 4, 1998. To the extent funds are available, the NRC will provide the travel costs for the State representatives on this group.

The NRC lead for this effort is Mr. Aby Mohseni. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Mohseni at (301) 415-6409 or by email at asm@nrc.gov. The NRC contact for your travel arrangements is Ms. Brenda Usilton. Ms. Usilton can be reached at (301) 415-2348 or by e-mail at bgu@nrc.gov. On behalf of the NRC, I want to thank you for accepting to participate as a member of the KI Core Group.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Bangart, Director
Office of State Programs

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Milestone	Date	Lead	Status/Milestones
3. Revise KI technical paper (NUREG 1633) to address public comments and provide to Commission		Mohseni	1. 9/98: Propose to management and management approved the members of a core group to convene to review the comments, and add new sections on US and foreign experiences in logistics of KI distribution. The core group includes: AL, TN, AZ, CRCPD-E6, FDA, EPA, FEMA.
3.a. Convene KI Core Group	First meeting of Core Group 12/1/98 -12/4/98		2. Conference call held 10/22/98 to schedule first meeting
	Second meeting of group between 1/99 and 2/99		3. 10/98: The first core group public meeting is scheduled for December 1- 4, 1998. The purpose is to review public comments and commission direction, add new sections on US experience, and identify issues needing resolution.
3.b. Issue revised draft NUREG for public comment	5/99		4. Reconvene group between 1/99 and 2/99 for one week to finalize resolution of issues identified.
	Third meeting of group 8/99		5. 4/99: Prepare revised draft NUREG 4/99.
3.c. Publish final NUREG 1633	9/99		6. 4/99: Present revised draft NUREG to ACRS, CRGR for information and to the Commission for permission to publish for comment
			7. 5/99: Issue draft NUREG-1633 for public comment in 5/99 until 7/99,
			8. 8/99: Reconvene group and review comments and revise.
			9. 9/99: Present final NUREG-1633 to Commission as a SECY information paper and for permission to issue as final
			10. 9/99: Publish final NUREG-1633 and provide to Commission as a SECY information paper

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