

In response to the amended petition for rulemaking - Use of KI in Emergency Planning, I submit the following comments:

1. Like many other people, I take certain medications to control my blood pressure. One is a powerful diuretic. Another is potassium chloride - to replenish the potassium leached by the diuretic. On the KCl bottle is a warning not to use salt substitutes containing potassium. If I should avoid salt-substitutes containing potassium, should I take potassium iodide? I asked my doctor. He was unfamiliar with the emergency use of potassium iodide and I couldn't tell him the amount of potassium in the pills.
2. What is needed is information to the medical community, especially cardiologists, and advice from them to you on administering potassium iodide - with appropriate precautions.
3. The NRC should not be agreeing to provide or administer a potentially lethal drug to the general populace without sound medical advice, if at all.

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