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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL
POLICY ON POTASSIUM IODIDE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform the Commission of additional information announced on June 25, 1997, by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the number of Metropolitan Medical Strike Teams (MMST) and their individual medicinal supplies. At the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) meeting held June 25, the HHS representative reported that there will be 26 MMSTs nationwide, each with a full cache of medical supplies, including KI. This is in addition to the nationally stockpiled medical supplies in three locations nationwide which the staff reported in SECY 97-124 (footnote 7 on page 11).

The increased number of medicinal stockpiles would markedly improve the availability of and access to KI by States or local governments should it become necessary. In addition, the HHS representative reported that the East Coast location for one of the three national stockpiles is now Winston-Salem, NC instead of Washington, DC. According to the HHS representative, two of the MMSTs are already in place (Atlanta, GA and Washington, DC). The remaining 24 MMSTs are in the process of being established.

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