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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Comment PRM-50-63A Consideration of Potassium Iodide in Emergency Plans, Proposed Rule

Dear Madame Secretary,

Since Sag Harbor is less than 20 miles from the Millstone Nuclear Plant in Waterford, Conn., and since the NRC has refused to extend the 10 mile emergency zone to include Long Island emergency planning is of extreme interest to the residents of the East End.

I want to urge that the emergency planning regulation be amended to REQUIRE the availability of potassium iodide (KI) for the public in the event of nuclear accidents. The regulation as it is now worded... " the proposed rule would require that CONSIDERATION shall be given to include potassium iodide.." has no teeth and must be changed.

The nuclear industry should bear the cost; government agencies should have the responsibility of seeing that potentially effected communities have local stockpiles of potassium iodide. NRC's announced plan for regional stockpiling should be amended; local stockpiling is necessary to make the distribution of KI possible in an emergency; KI is not effective after six hours- it must be stockpiled in schools, hospitals, fire, police and other municipal centers.

There is no reason why the NRC should not make these changes. Your mission is to protect the public's health and safety. Please consider the people of Long Island who are not protected and who cannot, given our topography and highway system, evacuate in the case of an accident at Millstone.

Sincerely yours,

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