



STATE OF CONNECTICUT



Important: Nuclear Preparedness Health Information

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Dear Resident of the Millstone Emergency Planning Zone:

In this envelope you will find two packets containing two Potassium Iodide (brand name IOSAT™) tablets each, along with instructions for their use.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) offered to provide every state with a nuclear power plant an initial supply of potassium iodide, known by its chemical name “KI.” This offer was for the population within 10 miles of each operating nuclear plant, also known as the “Emergency Planning Zone” (EPZ). Governor John G. Rowland accepted the NRC’s offer of KI to enhance the state’s existing Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut.

The Governor immediately tasked a multi-agency work group to develop a plan to distribute KI to people who live and work in the EPZ. This mailing represents the first phase of Connecticut’s distribution plan. KI will also be distributed through an on-going multi-phased process including:

- Local town offices,
- Special KI distribution days,
- Schools, health-care facilities, and other special-needs facilities, and
- Host Communities (**only to be used in the event of an actual nuclear emergency evacuation**)

The shelf life for KI is approximately five years. Households with more than four members may obtain additional KI tablets at local municipal offices or during special distribution days to be announced in local media. It is recommended that you keep the pills in a safe and accessible location.

Combined with the proper public information, KI distribution within the EPZ is a positive addition to the state’s nuclear emergency planning. **For more detailed information about KI, including possible side effects and other concerns regarding taking KI, please see the following documents enclosed with this letter:**

- ***“IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE USE OF POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) TABLETS”***
- ***“SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A RADIOLOGICAL INCIDENT AT MILLSTONE STATION IN WATERFORD, CONNECTICUT”***

For individual medical questions and more guidance for young children, especially newborns, please consult your doctor or pediatrician. Additional information, including the guidance of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, may be found on the Connecticut Department of Public Health's web site at www.dph.state.ct.us.

It is important to educate yourself and others about all the proper steps to take in the event of a nuclear emergency, including evacuation and sheltering, by:

- Reading the emergency planning guidebook which is distributed each year in your area; and
- Reviewing emergency information located in the Yellow Pages section of your telephone book.

The state is taking this action as a continuing effort to enhance public safety for residents in the Millstone EPZ. Please read the enclosed materials so that you understand what actions you may need to take in an emergency.

Sincerely,

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