Subject: Distribution of Potassium Iodide (KI)

Historically, the range of public protective actions for severe accidents at commercial nuclear power plants has been limited to evacuation and in-place sheltering. Recent federal guidelines have prompted state and local governments to implement procedures to include prophylactic use of KI (potassium iodide) as an additional public action. The Board of Education agrees to offer parents the option of having designated individuals distribute KI to students, in the case of such an emergency. Public health officials (the NY State Commissioner of Health or the County Health Commissioner) will make the recommendation on when to administer KI and will notify school districts of such a decision.

The District-Wide School Safety Team will support general training activities for the designated individuals and Building Level Emergency Response Teams, who will be responsible for distribution of KI. Training will include the proper administration of KI, the correct procedures to carry out assigned tasks, identification of an allergic reaction, and appropriate medical procedures to take if such a reaction occurs.

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