



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director *DR*  
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION ON STOCKPILING POTASSIUM IODIDE

Attached for your information is H.R. 783, a bill introduced February 28 by Representative English (R-PA). This bill is identical to legislation Representative English introduced last Congress. H.R. 783 directs the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) jointly with the NRC to develop a plan for stockpiling potassium iodide tablets in areas within a 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Attachment:  
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107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H.R.** 783

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ENGLISH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL**

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop a plan for stockpiling potassium iodide tablets in areas within a 50-mile radius of a nuclear power plant.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 **SECTION 1. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS.**  
4 Subtitle A of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-  
5 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.



1 5196 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **"SEC. 616. STOCKPILING OF POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS.**

4 **"(a) DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.**—The Director, jointly  
5 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other appro-  
6 priate Federal agencies, shall develop a plan for stock-  
7 piling potassium iodide tablets in areas within a 50-mile  
8 radius of a nuclear power plant.

9 **"(b) CONTENTS.**—The plan shall include a strategy  
10 for the efficient storage and prompt delivery of potassium  
11 iodide tablets to persons that may be affected by a disaster  
12 at a nuclear power plant.

13 **"(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year  
14 after the date of enactment of this section, the Director  
15 shall transmit the plan to Congress.

16 **"(d) IMPLEMENTATION.**—Following the 60-day pe-  
17 riod beginning on the date of transmittal of the plan under  
18 subsection (c), the Director shall begin implementation of  
19 the plan."

