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Comments on
Petition for Rulemaking Filed by Mr. Peter G. Crane
(60 Federal Register 58256 dated November 27, 1995)

Dear Sir:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (Southern Nuclear) has reviewed the proposed petition to amend the emergency planning standard in 10 CFR 50.47, published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995. In accordance with request for comments, Southern Nuclear is in total agreement with the NRC comments which are to be provided to the NRC.

The proposed petition recommends that the planning standard for protective actions for the general public include the stockpile or predistribution of potassium iodide (KI) for prophylactic use. Southern Nuclear strongly urges the NRC to deny this petition and retain the current Federal Policy on Distribution Of Potassium Iodide for Use as a Thyroidal Blocking Agent. Southern Nuclear believes that the stockpiling or predistribution of potassium iodide will not add any significant public health and safety benefit to the adequate level of protection provided by existing emergency planning at and around nuclear power plants.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the petition for Rulemaking filed by Mr. Peter G. Crane. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,


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