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Re: The Cleveland Electric Illuminating  
Company (Perry Nuclear Power Plant,  
Units 1 and 2)  
Docket Nos. 50-440 and 50-441 OL

Dear Members of the Appeal Board:

Enclosed for your information is a recent news release by the State of Ohio Department of Health announcing the State's policy on the distribution of potassium iodide. Issue 1(G) in this proceeding contended that emergency plans should include the availability of potassium iodide for emergency workers and the public. The Licensing Board granted summary disposition on this contention, based on the deference given to state and local guidance on this matter and the absence of any regulatory requirement for the distribution of potassium iodide. See Memorandum and Order (Motions)(ASLBP No. 81-457-04 OL)(March 13, 1985) at 1; Memorandum and Order (Motions for Summary Disposition of Issues 1, 15 and 16)(ASLBP No. 81-457-04-OL)(April 9, 1985) at 4-5.

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In the Matter of

THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC  
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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 22, 1985

Dr. David Jackson, director, Ohio Department of Health today announced that a plan will be developed for the distribution of Potassium Iodide (KI). The plan would permit distribution of potassium iodide to emergency workers and institutionalized persons for use in the event of a nuclear power plant accident involving a radiological release. The Ohio Department of Health will work with the Ohio Disaster Services Agency in the development of this plan.

Potassium Iodide (KI) is used as a thyroidal blocking agent for possible exposure to radioactive iodine.

"The Ohio Department of Health, Federal Emergency Management Agency and a statewide task force assembled to determine the proper uses for potassium iodide all concurred that potassium iodide should not be distributed or stockpiled for use by the general public," Jackson stated.

"Providing potassium iodide to emergency workers and institutionalized persons will be a preventive measure that will minimize the potential threat of radioactive iodine exposure. Ohio is pleased to join with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's recommendation that potassium iodide be provided to emergency and institutionalized persons. The Celeste Administration is committed to working with federal and local agencies to develop the most effective plan. We will continue to work cooperatively with all parties to protect the health and safety of all Ohioans," Jackson concluded.

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