



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas E. Murley, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation


FROM: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.  
Deputy Executive Director for  
Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards,  
and Operations Support

SUBJECT: INFORMAL REVIEW OF A DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL OPINION (DPO)

Peter Crane, Counsel for Special Projects, has submitted a DPO concerning the NRC's position on the use of potassium iodide. Manual Chapter 4125 specifies that DPOs should be referred to the appropriate Office Director if they have not gone through the informal review process. This DPO has not undergone the informal review process.

Based on discussions between NRR and AEOD staff, I am referring this concern to you for review in accordance with Manual Chapter 4125. AEOD will assist as needed in evaluating this matter. Moreover, you may also wish to consult with the NRC's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Medical Uses of Isotopes in your review. Mr. Crane has volunteered to provide additional information or assistance in this effort.

Please let me know your schedule for the review. Upon completion of your review, please provide a statement of your views on the proposed resolution of this matter.

  
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Enclosure:  
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