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MEDIA ALERT

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DELAWARE TO DISTRIBUTE POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS OCT. 11, 26

The Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the Delaware Division of Public Health will conduct distribution of potassium iodide (KI) tablets in October to Delaware residents who live within 10 miles of the Salem-Hope Creek Generating Stations. Tablets will be available to those who did not receive potassium iodide during previous distribution dates.

The distribution dates and locations are as follows:

- Wednesday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at Townsend Volunteer Fire Company, 107 Main St., Townsend, Del.
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at Odessa Fire Company, Station 4, 1319 Pole Bridge Road, Middletown, Del (near Boyd's Corner).

Delaware residents in the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ), the 10-mile radius around the plant, will receive notification by mail regarding the distribution location, dates and times.

Potassium iodide (KI) is an over-the-counter medication that can protect the thyroid gland from radioactive iodine, which may be released in the event of a radiation emergency.

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The tablets were supplied to Delaware when the state chose to participate in a program initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The tablets were offered to all states that have population within a 10-mile radius of a nuclear power facility.

Potassium iodide does not protect against external radiation, but it can help protect the thyroid gland from radioactive iodine that is ingested or inhaled. Potassium iodide is a supplement to Delaware's existing emergency plans developed for use in a nuclear incident. Evacuation remains the primary method of protecting Delaware residents; the potassium iodide will offer additional protection.

Jamie Turner, Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency said, in the event of a radiation emergency, state and local officials will inform the public through use of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio stations. Information will include directions to evacuation routes and emergency reception centers, and instructions on when to take the potassium iodide pills.

All Delaware residents who live within the 10-mile EPZ, and those who work or own businesses within 10 miles of the Salem-Hope Creek Generating Stations in New Jersey are eligible for free potassium iodide tablets. They are asked to assist in the distribution efforts by following the guidelines included in the informational mailing.

Those eligible for potassium iodide are asked to bring the informational flyer they received in the mail, photo identification, such as a driver's license, and an additional proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

Those who reside outside of the ten-mile radius of Salem-Hope Creek Generating Stations who would like to obtain potassium iodide should contact their pharmacist.

For additional information regarding the potassium iodide distribution program in Delaware, call the Delaware Emergency Management Agency Radiological Emergency Planning section at 302-659-3362.

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