

February 28, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-07-0002 - POTASSIUM
IODIDE REPLENISHMENT

The Commission has approved the staff's efforts to work with the States to best determine the means by which existing Potassium Iodide (KI) stockpiles are maintained or replaced, including pursuing shelf-life extension options with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The staff should continue to engage the States to obtain their views on potassium iodide replenishment or shelf life extension, and should factor State insights into the options paper that will be provided to the Commission in May 2007.

Consistent with the Commission's direction in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) on SECY-06-0142, the staff should also continue its efforts to replenish KI for those States that have expressed a need for either complete or partial replenishment.

The Commission should be kept informed of any changes in the budget implications resulting from continued funding of the KI program, any additional responses from the States regarding shelf-life extension or replenishment, and any other significant developments affecting the program.

The staff should work with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other cognizant Federal agencies responsible for consumer products to align funding, distribution and product management of this drug with the appropriate State authorities. DHS has been given the primary responsibility for off-site contingency planning, and the staff should work to return the KI program to DHS. The staff should include in its options paper discussions about its interactions with DHS or other federal agencies.

The staff should also discuss in its options paper the replenishment cost estimates for FY 2007 and 2008 and their potential funding source(s).

The staff's role has been facilitator between the States and the Food and Drug Administration regarding shelf life extensions of KI, but development of the basis to support a final decision to extend the shelf life must remain with the individual State.

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