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Ms. Kathy Helvay Gibson
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Gibson,

This is in reference to South Carolina's July 2001 state Potassium Iodide (KI) position letter and your subsequent January 2002 letter.

Currently, South Carolina's policy allows for pre-positioning of KI in selected county health offices and emergency management departments statewide and is consistent with the position taken by the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordination Committee (FRPCC) 1994.

Pre-positioning of KI in South Carolina is limited to emergency workers and institutionalized individuals. Authorization to administer KI is directed by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control through the SC Emergency Management Agency. However, in response to a county emergency management request and increased public interest, South Carolina has decided to enhance or current KI policy by providing KI for pre-distribution to the general public.

Therefore, 800,000 doses of KI are requested for pre-distribution in South Carolina. These numbers are based on Year 2000 census data. The data has been conservatively rounded up due to the increase in population the past two years (See Attachment 1).

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to any guidance concerning the President's Bio-terrorism Bill directing states to provide KI to the public with-in a 20-mile radius of a fixed nuclear facility.

Sincerely,

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