

Greenwich-Stow Creek Partnership Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school building is located within the ten-mile emergency planning zone of the (Oyster Creek-Artificial Island) nuclear generating station. In January 2001, the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission amended its policy on the availability and usage of the over-the-counter drug, potassium iodide (KI), during a radiological emergency. As a result, the State of New Jersey revised its policy regarding providing KI to the general population within ten miles of a nuclear generating station. Part of this revised policy allows for the storage and use of KI at schools located in the ten-mile emergency planning zone.

KI is an over-the-counter drug that protects the thyroid from exposure to radioactive iodine and can reduce the risk of thyroid cancer after a severe nuclear emergency event resulting in a release of radiation. It is a supplement to evacuation or sheltering. Evacuation and sheltering remain New Jersey's primary public protective actions in the event of an accident at any nuclear generating station.

Please read the attached KI information sheets and mark the appropriate box of the attached KI permission slip which will alert the school officials of your choice to have your child receive or not receive KI in the event of a radiologic release. This form will remain in effect as long as your child attends this school, unless you notify us in writing that you have changed your choice.

Should the County and/or State Health official recommend the use of KI during an emergency, the school will have KI available on site for your child. Evacuation remains our primary protective radiological action. In the event that evacuation is not immediately possible, and KI is recommended by County and/or State Health officials, an appropriate dose of KI will be available for your child.

If you have any concerns regarding the emergency use of KI or questions on your child's health and the use of KI, please discuss this with your child's health care provider.

If you have any further questions about the school's program, please contact Brandon Cobb at 455-1717 opt 2.

Respectfully,

Brandon Cobb
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