

# **Eastham Potassium Iodide Distribution Plan**

The Eastham Health Department announces the availability of Potassium Iodide (KI) for the residents of the Town of Eastham.

KI is the abbreviation for potassium iodide, a nonprescription medicine that when used properly can prevent the uptake of radioactive iodine by the thyroid gland. The term “thyroid blocking agents” refers to drugs or chemicals that can be ingested to prevent the absorption by the thyroid gland of radioactive isotopes of iodine that may be released to the environment during an accident at a nuclear power station. To date, the most commonly recommended thyroid blocking agent approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is potassium iodide.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 5K, was amended by the State Legislature in December 2002, to require that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to provide thyroid blocking agents to towns situated on Cape Cod. The cost of the KI has been assessed to the owners of the nuclear power station. The KI is available free of charge to residents of the Town of Eastham.

Each household member is allowed two tablets of KI. To pick up the potassium iodide Eastham residents will be required to provide proof of residency, such as a tax bill, current lease agreement, or a valid driver’s license with a Town of Eastham address. Consumer information regarding KI shall be provided at the time the pills are dispensed. A release form must be signed by the recipient when the pills are obtained for each household member.

**Residents may obtain KI pills for household members from the Eastham Health Department Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm at Eastham Town Hall, 2500 State Highway, Eastham, starting Monday January 8, 2007**

**Questions regarding this program may be directed to the Eastham Health Department at 508-240-5900 or at [jcrowley@eastham-ma.gov](mailto:jcrowley@eastham-ma.gov) .**

**Release for  
Potassium Iodide Administration  
in the Event of a Nuclear Emergency**

Map \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Eastham  
(print name) (print street)

MA, in consideration of the receipt of Potassium Iodide (KI) dispensed by the Town of Eastham, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, do hereby remise, release and forever discharge the Town of Eastham, its agents, departments, servants, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, successors, assigns and insurers (also hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Fully Released Parties") of and from all debts, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, accounts, covenants, contract agreements, damage and any and all claims and liabilities whatsoever of every name and nature, both in law and in equity, which against the fully released parties I ever had or now have or will have as a result of my taking the Potassium Iodide (KI) distributed by the Town of Eastham.

I further agree, on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the said Fully Released Parties from any claim, or cause of action of any type, on my behalf arising out of use of Potassium Iodide (KI). I understand that all aforementioned release of liability applies to any and all KI pill recipients for which I am the signatory.

I have received a consumer package insert, which I will read and reference when personally taking KI and when administering or releasing KI to all other household receivers or parties for which I am the signatory. I am an adult, over the age of 18 years and am of sound mind. I have read this Release in its entirety and I understand the contents of this Release.

Total number of 130 mg KI pills received: \_\_\_\_\_ on  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of recipient

**Name, age, and address of all household members (print):**

Name	Age	Street Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____