

# SURVEY REGARDING ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND/OR LOCAL AGENCIES WITH RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES

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Dear Director:

As you may already be aware, effective June 24, 2004 the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare under 55 PA. CODE CHS. 3270, 3280 AND 3290] Emergency Plan [33 Pa.B. 6428] enacted a new statement of policy requiring all-hazards planning for child care facilities operating in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as signed into law by Governor Rendell on August of 2004 as Act 2004-73.

Pennsylvania is enforcing this law by requiring child care facilities to develop emergency preparedness plans.

We wish to inform you that, for those child care facilities located within 10-miles of a nuclear power plant, emergency planning **is to be provided by the State and Local Government Agencies** by Federal Law.

This provided emergency planning is to include: prearranged transportation, prearranged relocation centers, pre-arranged emergency notification, etc. The costs & resources for these support services are **to be provided by the State and Local Government Agencies** not your facility if you are located within 10-miles of a nuclear power plant.

If your child care facility **is** located within 10-miles of a nuclear power plant and is encountering difficulty with State and/or Local Authorities in getting: transportation, relocation centers and emergency notification etc. then the State and Local Authorities are in violation of Federal Law.

Enclosed please find a brief survey that will be assisting us in evaluating how well the appropriate State and/or Local Agencies have been providing emergency support services in the event evacuation transportation is required. This survey is voluntary, but the results may be shared with local, state and federal planners and could result in better planning and support services for your facility.

This survey will **only be used** to assess the level of assistance your facility has gotten from State and/or Local Agencies.

All respondents (located within 10-miles of a nuclear power plant) are entitled to a **\$5 check\*** and free supply of potassium iodide. Please return this survey in the enclosed pre-posted envelope. Your survey must be postmarked by **1/20/2005** to redeem this offer.

Please feel free to call, fax or e-mail with any additional questions, comment or concerns.

Sincerely,



Eric J. Epstein\*\*

Yes  No Please check here if you wish to receive a check, and please print the name you want the check made out to:

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Yes  No Please check here if you wish to receive more information on free potassium iodine (KI) pills.

*\*Only respondents located within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone of a nuclear power plant are eligible for this offer. If you are not located within 10-miles of a nuclear power plant, please do not complete this survey. Please refer to the provided map for reference of location. If your facility resides inside the circled area, you may be eligible. The providers of this survey reserve the right to cancel this offer at any time and are solely responsible in determination of eligibility. Survey's must be postmarked no later than 1/20/2005 to be eligible.*

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