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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
NOVEMBER 24, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emergency
3 management services definitions and for radiological
4 emergencies.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 7102 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
9 § 7102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall
11 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
12 meanings given to them in this section:

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14 "Ingestion exposure pathway." An emergency planning zone
15 which consists of an area with a radius of at least 75 miles.

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1 "Plume exposure pathway." An emergency planning zone for
2 nuclear generating facilities which consists of an area with a
3 radius of at least 50 miles.

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5 "Radiological emergency planning zone." A zone which
6 includes, at a minimum:

7 (1) an ingestion exposure pathway; and

8 (2) a plume exposure pathway.

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10 Section 2. Section 7320(a) of Title 35 is amended,
11 subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph and the section
12 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 § 7320. Radiological emergency response preparedness, planning
14 and recovery program.

15 (a) Establishment of program.--In addition to the powers and
16 duties of the agency set forth in section 7313 (relating to
17 powers and duties), the agency shall develop, establish and
18 maintain a radiological emergency response preparedness,
19 planning and recovery program for a radiological emergency
20 planning zone which is, at a minimum, consistent with the
21 Commonwealth's Emergency Management Plan and in accordance with
22 other applicable Federal regulations and State laws for each
23 nuclear generating facility that has received an operating
24 license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The exact size
25 and configuration of a radiological emergency planning zone
26 surrounding a particular nuclear power reactor shall be
27 determined in relation to local emergency response needs and
28 capabilities as they are affected by conditions such as
29 demography, topography, land characteristics, access routes and
30 jurisdictional boundaries. Notwithstanding any definitional

differences in Federal statutes or regulations, all applicable requirements of Federal statutes and regulations regarding preparedness, planning and recovery shall be applicable to ingestion exposure pathways and plume exposure pathways.

(b) Agency functions.--The specific functions of the agency under the radiological emergency response preparedness, planning and recovery program shall include, but not be limited to:

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(19) Providing a World Wide Web site which contains emergency preparedness, planning and recovery information.

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(e) Potassium iodide stockpiles.--The agency, in conjunction with the Department of Health, shall insure that sufficient stockpiles of potassium iodide tablets are established at public facilities within at least a 50-mile radius of each nuclear generating facility. Within 180 days of the effective date of this subsection, the agency shall either distribute or have developed a plan for the prompt distribution of the stockpiles to all individuals located within at least a 50-mile radius of each nuclear generating facility in the event of a release of radionuclides.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.