



MEMORANDUM

TO: County Emergency Management Directors (Ashtabula, Columbiana, Erie, Geauga, Lake, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky)
Local Health Commissioners (Ashtabula, Columbiana, East Liverpool, Erie, Geauga, Lake, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky)
Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Radiological Branch

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DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Notice of Potassium Iodide (KI) shelf-life extension

This is to advise you that the expiration date on the THYROSAFE brand KI tablets has been extended. The expiration for lots # TU401A and TU404A is extended to June 30, 2022 using guidelines issued by the Food and Drug Administration. This KI is intended for use by emergency workers and the public when recommended in accordance with ODH Directive 10-BEHRP-01, Distribution and Use of Potassium Iodide (KI). Recipharm manufactures the 65mg tablets of THYROSAFE that are included in emergency worker dosimetry kits in addition to the KI distributed to the public.

KI is a very stable compound and an independent laboratory analysis of the samples from Ohio's KI inventory was conducted in October 2019. This analysis indicated that the product remains potent and usable for its intended purpose as a thyroid blocking agent. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been advised of the state's intent to extend the shelf life of the current KI inventory as indicated above.

PLEASE keep this memorandum on file with your KI supplies. Please be advised that if the KI has inadvertently been opened from the blister pack or has turned yellow (meaning that it hasn't been stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions), then do not take the KI. Please check to verify the KI packets integrity prior to being deployed for a radiological incident.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Hintz of ODH at 614-466-5066.