



**Potassium Iodide Permission Form**

Dear Parents,

The Governor of Maryland and the St. Mary’s County Commissioners have made the decision to have Potassium Iodide (KI) made available to those residents of the designated Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) (approximately 10-mile radius) of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. The preventative medication, Potassium Iodide (KI) has been acquired. In the event of a nuclear emergency at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, evacuation of schools within the EPZ will be the primary goal. Potassium Iodide has been made available to the schools in the EPZ which include: Green Holly Elementary, Town Creek Elementary, Hollywood Elementary, Esperanza Middle School, and Starmaker School for Early Education at Wildewood.

Potassium Iodide (KI) taken shortly prior to an exposure to radiation blocks the absorption of radioactive iodide by the thyroid gland. It does not provide protection against any other form of radiation. Radioactive iodide may cause cancer of the thyroid 15-20 years after exposure. This timeline makes protecting children of primary importance. The St. Mary’s County Health Officer, and/or his designee, is authorized to order the issuance and subsequent consumption of KI.

Your signature on the form below will indicate that you authorize the administration of Potassium Iodide (KI) to your son or daughter if ordered by the St. Mary’s County Health Officer or designee in case of a radioactive release from the Calvert County Nuclear Power Plant. Individuals who are allergic to Iodide or shellfish should not take Potassium Iodide. This consent will remain in effect unless revoked by the parent or guardian. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your health care provider, the school nurse Kathy Brigham (301) 862-5344, the St. Mary’s County Health Department (301) 475-4316, or Ms. Lynn, Director (301) 863-7740.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I do want my child \_\_\_\_\_ to receive Potassium Iodide in the event of a nuclear emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want my child \_\_\_\_\_ to receive Potassium Iodide in the event of a nuclear emergency.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date