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Montgomery County Health Department Distribution of Free Potassium Iodide Tablets on August 8, 2013

Pottstown, PA (August 2, 2013) – The Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) will be participating in the Pennsylvania Department of Health Annual Free Potassium Iodide distribution on August 8, 2013. MCHD will provide free potassium iodide tablets to Montgomery County residents who live, work, or attend schools within a 10-mile radius of the Limerick Generating Station on Thursday, August 8, 2013 from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the Pottstown Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown, PA. Residents can call the Pottstown Health Center at 610-970-5040 anytime of the year to inquire about the KI tablets.

Potassium iodide, or KI, can help protect the thyroid gland against harmful radioactive iodine when taken as directed during radiological emergencies. Individuals should only take KI when told to do so by state health officials or the governor.

Each adult will receive a two day supply of KI (four 65 mg tablets). Children will be given smaller doses based on their age. Individuals can pick up KI tablets for other family members or those who are unable to pick them up on their own. Directions detailing when to take the tablets and how to store them will be provided with the KI.

Businesses within a 10 mile radius can also pick up KI tablets for their employees. Unlike families, businesses are given a one day supply of KI (two 65 mg tablets). Businesses with over one hundred employees are encouraged to call the Pottstown Health Center at 610-970-5040 to schedule a pick up time for their KI tablets.

Anyone can take the tablets as long as they are not allergic to iodine. They are safe for pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding, people on thyroid medicine, and children and infants. Individuals who are unsure if they should take KI should contact their healthcare provider.

For more information regarding Potassium Iodide distribution, please visit:

www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?nid=581

Other locations for KI tablet distribution for the Limerick Generating Station will be August 8, 2013 between 2:00pm and 7:00pm at the distribution sites listed below. No appointment is necessary.

Limerick Generating Station

- Solanco High School, 585 Solanco Road, Quarryville, PA
- Keystone Fire Company, 240 N. Walnut Street, Boyertown, PA