

**An Assessment of Federal and State Guidelines for the Distribution of Potassium Iodide in the  
Event of a Nuclear Accident or Nuclear Terrorism**

*National Academy of Sciences Committee to assess the distribution of potassium iodide issue:*

*Committee members to include David V. Becker, Lewis E. Braverman, S. Dillwyn Williams*

The ATA is pleased to announce that three ATA members, experts in the issues involved in the distribution of potassium iodide, have been selected to serve on a National Academy of Sciences committee to formulate an assessment and recommendations to the President and Congress. They are David V. Becker, Lewis E. Braverman and S. Dillwyn Williams.

The Board on Radiation Effects Research (BRER) of the National Research Council has put together a provisional slate of individuals to assess the distribution of the potassium iodide (KI) issue. On the basis of this assessment, that committee will make recommendations to the President and Congress within 9 months regarding: (a) the projected benefits and harms of a KI distribution program as part of a nuclear incident preparedness program; (b) the most effective and safe way to distribute and administer KI on a mass scale to prevent radiation effects; (c) the populations that should be included in the program (e.g., should a 20-mile interim standard be implemented?); (d) the appropriate roles for local, state and federal agencies in such a preparedness program; (e) any additional issues that need to be researched, resolved, or addressed. The outcome of this study will be recommendations for the safest and most effective way to distribute KI on a large scale. The committee roster is provisional subject to a 20-day public comment period and a conflict of interest and bias review. The study director will be Dr. Isaf Al-Nabulsi, a member of the BRER staff. The first meeting of the committee will be May 29 at the Keck Center of the National Academies at 500 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC. You can follow the progress of the committee and review the biosketches of the provisional roster at the National Academies' current projects website ([www.nationalacademies.org](http://www.nationalacademies.org)) and enter KI in the Quick Search box.