



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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## Fact Sheet

- Japan's nuclear emergency presents no danger to California at this time, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).
- State and Federal agencies continue to monitor the situation. These include the NRC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, FEMA Region IX, and the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). CalEMA has a plan of response for radiological emergencies if one were to arise.
- There has been local interest in potassium iodide. Potassium iodide (KI) tablets are not recommended at this time, and can present a danger to people with allergies to iodine, shellfish or who have thyroid problems. This information is from the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization.
- Potassium iodide (KI) tablets are useful in blocking some types of radiation in the thyroid. However, these tablets should not be taken unless directed by authorities. KI tablets or liquids do not provide any protection to radiation other than to radioactive iodine. They provide no protection to any organ except the thyroid. KI tablets and liquid are not routinely stockpiled.
- A Public Information Response Line has been established by the California Department of Public Health. That number is (916) 341-3947. The line is staffed 8 AM to 5 PM daily.
- Informational material is also available online at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)
- Local information is available at [www.humboldthealthalert.org](http://www.humboldthealthalert.org)
- A relevant Times-Standard article can be found at [http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci\\_17616668](http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_17616668)

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