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Public Health Information and Statements on Radiation Concerns In San Francisco

San Francisco, CA – City officials emphasize that currently there is no danger to San Francisco residents from Japan's nuclear emergency. The San Francisco Department of Public Health does **not** recommend taking potassium iodide. Potassium iodide can have serious side effects and should not be taken unless recommended.

City departments are monitoring the situation closely and will alert the public if recommendations change.

For more information or for inquiries from the public, please call the California Department of Public Health at **916-341-3947**.

Additional Resources:

Information on Radiation:

CDPH Website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/RadiationFAQS2011.aspx>

CDC Health Effects and Treatment for Radiation Emergencies:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/healtheffects.asp>

Preparing for emergencies:

San Francisco Emergency Preparedness: <http://72hours.org>

California Be Prepared: <http://bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/epo>

The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.

We shall ~ Assess and research the health of the community ~ Develop and enforce health policy ~ Prevent disease and injury ~

~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all ~

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