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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, 1975, and your comments regarding the release and health hazard of I^{131} .

Three Federal agencies will be responsible for specific aspects of health research related to energy technologies. The Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) will be concerned with radiation aspects of the program. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will be concerned with radiation only in a very peripheral way.

Although ERDA is still in the throes of staffing, I believe the appropriate individual to contact regarding the I^{131} problem would be:

Dr. James L. Liverman
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Environment and Safety
U. S. Energy Research and Development
Administration
Washington, DC 20545

If not primarily involved in this area, he should be able to direct your correspondence to the appropriate individual.

Thank you again for your concern for and contributions to public well-being in the nation's efforts to achieve energy self-sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Owens, Ph.D.
Scientist Administrator

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