



Evacuation Guide for Emergency Managers

“**Evacuation**” is the temporary removal of people (homes, residence, business, etc.) from potentially endangered areas to avoid possible exposure to radiation.

Evacuation Procedures

Once you have been notified to evacuate (- Emergency Alert System [EAS] by radio, television, Integrated Public Alert & Warning System [IPAWS]), follow the instructions given by local and state authorities.

- Stay calm -- don't panic.
- Close all vents, doors and windows.
- Prepare your home as if you were leaving on vacation.
- Post a “NOTIFIED” sign on your front door for authorities to see.
- Assist neighbors as needed, if possible.
- Report to your county reception center.
- Keep vehicle windows and vents closed.
- During a General Emergency evacuation, administer potassium iodide (KI) when directed and if available.
- Do not delay your evacuation to locate or administer KI.

Potassium Iodide

Potassium iodide is a supplemental protective action to support evacuation. Taken orally, KI only protects the thyroid gland from exposure to radioactive iodine.

Vouchers for free KI are included within the emergency planning guide, which Xcel Energy mails out to residents living within the 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ). Residents can bring this voucher

to CVS Pharmacies located in participating Target stores.

Note: KI issuance is discontinued at an Alert or higher emergency classification level (ECL).

What to Bring with You

Bring the following items for evacuation:

- Personal identification
- Prescription medications
- Baby formula and diapers
- Cash, checkbook and credit cards
- Clothing for a week per person
- Portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- KI
- Personal hygiene items
- Bedding (sleeping bags and pillows)
- Household pets, cages, supplies, medication and food
- Wet wipes and/or towels

Reception Centers

There are pre-designated county emergency facilities located outside the plume exposure pathway to report to for evacuation and evaluation. The following will occur at the reception center:

- Radiological monitoring for contamination (people, pets and vehicles)
- Decontamination if needed
- Registration
- Medical assistance if needed

Where to Stay

After registering at the emergency reception center:

- You can stay with relatives or friends outside of the affected area.
- You can stay at a congregate care center operated by the American Red Cross or other agency.

People with Special Needs

Local emergency management officials will assist those unable to evacuate on their own. This includes the elderly, physically challenged, hearing impaired, blind, someone without transportation or people with other needs.

School Planning

Schools located within the 10-mile EPZ:

During a Site Area Emergency or a General Emergency, schools within the 10-mile EPZ will be evacuated. Children and teachers will be transported to a designated sister school located outside of the 10-mile EPZ.

- Children will be fed, sheltered and supervised until their parents come for them at the sister school.
- Parents should not go to their child's normal school during the evacuation process.
- Public information messages will inform parents of their child's sister school location.

Schools located outside of the 10-mile EPZ:

Children who live within the 10-mile EPZ but attend school outside the 10-mile EPZ will not be bused home during an emergency. Parents should pick them up at their current school.

Discussion Questions for Evacuation

- Are there any special populations affected by the evacuation? What would be their concerns?
- How much time will they be allotted to leave?
- What will you do if they do not leave their homes?
- Are any special services needed for evacuated individuals?
- How would you provide transportation assistance to people who need to evacuate?
- What information is given to parents about school evacuations? Do they know where their child's sister school is located?

This fact sheet is designed to augment planning for an emergency response to an incident at a nuclear generating plant; it does not supersede any plans, procedures or guidelines currently in use.