Anti-radiation pills available to residents in 13 SC counties

GREENVILLE (AP) — Pills that would protect against radiation in the case of a nuclear accident will be available for residents living near any of South Carolina's five nuclear plants.

The Greenville News reported that the potassium iodide pills were provided beginning Monday at no charge to anyone living within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of a nuclear plant.

The state Department of Health and Environmental Control says the 2.4 million tablets will cover 1.2 million adults. Tablets for the Oconee Nuclear Station area are available at the Oconee County Health Department in Seneca (864-882-2245) and the Pickens County Health Department in Pickens (864-898-5965).

A previous round of tablets distributed in 2007 expires this year. The new tablets will expire in 2017.