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FEDERAL RADIATION COUNCIL LETTER CONCERNING  
APPLICATION OF RADIATION PROTECTION STANDARDS  
RELEASED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY

On August 23, 1962 Congressman Chet Holifield, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and Congressman Melvin Price, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research, Development and Radiation, made public an exchange of letters between the Joint Committee and the Federal Radiation Council concerning established Radiation Protection Guides and Radiation Protection Standards.

ANSWERED

Chairman Holifield and Congressman Price today released an additional letter dated August 29, 1962 from Anthony J. Celebrezze, Chairman, Federal Radiation Council, copy of which is attached.

Attachment  
Copy of letter from  
Federal Radiation Council  
Dated August 29, 1962

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FEDERAL RADIATION COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 29, 1962

Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

In reply to your letter of August 16, to Mr. Eoisfeuille Jones concerning the Radiation Protection Guides promulgated by the Federal Radiation Council, I believe that the letter I sent to you on August 17 sets forth the Council's position and discusses the questions which the Committee had previously raised in some further detail.

The Council recognizes that premature action has been taken in some areas to reduce the intake of iodine-131, which action the Council would not have recommended under its interpretation of the Guides. The Council would like to emphasize this point by reiteration of its position outlined in its letter of August 17 to you. There, we stated that "... there has been widespread misunderstanding concerning these Guides ...". We went on to point out that they "... are not intended to set a line at which protective action should be taken or to indicate what kind of action should be taken."

The Council is continuing its review of the overall radiation protection problem, including fallout. To assure the best possible scientific advice and its presentation in such form as to be easily and thoroughly understood, representatives of the Council are meeting with non-Federal scientists, including representatives of the National Academy of Sciences and of the National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements. We believe that these efforts, in the form of special studies, will do much to clarify the issues and provide additional guidance for protective action.

The Council will, of course, continue to keep you apprised of significant developments.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Chairman

The Honorable Chet Holifield  
Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
Congress of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

The Honorable Melvin Price  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Research,  
Development and Radiation