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Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001  
Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

To Whom it May Concern:

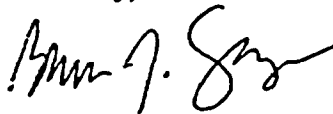
The Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (Department) hereby requests the NRC to extend the comment period on the proposed revisions to the medical rules (10 CFR Part 35) and the associated guidance document (NUREG-1556, Vol. 9). This extension is warranted because of the sweeping changes to the medical rules and the possible ramifications for licensees and Agreement States. The Department would appreciate additional time to thoroughly review and comment on the proposals.

Many of the proposed changes, such as the proposal to no longer review licensee's procedures during the licensing phase, could have a profound impact on the way the Department functions. We would appreciate additional time to fully analyze comments made at the public meetings in October, and additional details concerning the "Health and Safety" compatibility designations to be forwarded to us soon.

We realize this request also would necessitate extending the implementation date for this rule. Such an extension would be welcome if it allows us the opportunity to conduct a more comprehensive review of your proposals.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 217-785-9931.

Sincerely,



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