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We have reviewed the above-referenced document and offer these comments (one day late, we realize):

- A. Screening of reports for exposures to embryo/fetus under Criteria 1.A.2 appears acceptable although regulations currently in place via 10 CFR 35.3047/equivalent state regulations would already appear to address the same scenario in much the same way; and
  
- B. Footnote 3 regarding the "independent physician" appears to address only the "independence" of the physician in question but does not require any particular expertise in whatever the relevant field. The "independent physician" should be not just independent, but qualified/a specialist in the relevant field.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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