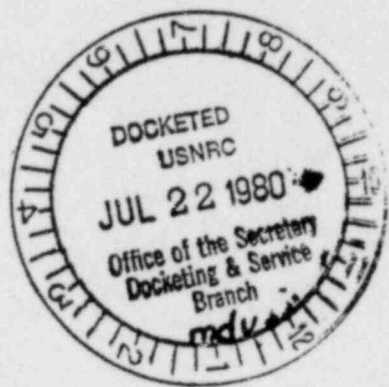




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Dear Sir:

The following comments on the draft regulatory guide entitled "Instruction Concerning Risks from Occupational Radiation Exposure" are offered on behalf of the 15,000 members of the American College of Radiology. Our members are physician and physicist specialists in the use of ionizing radiation for the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Several expert committees of the College have reviewed the draft guide. We compliment the commission on the development of the guide, which presents current medical and scientific knowledge of the health effects of ionizing radiation in a clear, readable manner. We believe that the guide will serve well as an educational booklet for workers, who are exposed to radiation in their jobs. We are hopeful that it will help reduce the misunderstanding and misinformation which many workers and the public often have of ionizing radiation.

We note that the guide's primary emphasis is on occupational exposures in the nuclear power industry or in facilities, which handle large quantities of radioactive materials. We caution that it is not equally applicable to workers in medical institutions.

Sincerely,

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