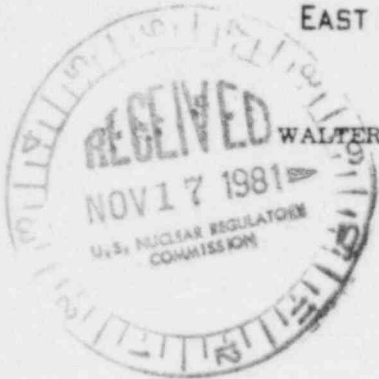


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Gentlemen,

After careful review of the Draft Regulatory Guide and Value/Impact Statement concerning instruction to workers on the risks of prenatal exposure to radiation, (Proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 8.13) I must say that this proposed action has, in my opinion, been needed for some time.

We at Potters Medical Center believe in employing only formally educated, certified personnel for positions in our Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Departments. By doing so these personnel have received a formal educational background covering Radiation Biology, including prenatal exposure. If any personnel are not familiar with the risks of prenatal exposure, we make sure they are instructed in the risks of exposure, methods of radiation protection, and are closely monitored throughout the entire pregnancy.

Unfortunately, there are many institutions that still hire untrained, uneducated personnel for their departments. These personnel suffer in the long run because this type of institution usually has no intention of instructing their personnel in anything but the basics of their jobs, and the subjects of Radiation Biology, Radiation protection, etc. are totally ignored.

I think the Proposed Revision 2 is an excellent step in insuring adequate protection to the unborn child and should be approved and initiated as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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