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The Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (Department) hereby submits its comments on the referenced Draft Regulatory Guide. The Draft Guide may be useful to licensees who do not feel comfortable or knowledgeable enough to discuss dangers to the embryo/fetus with their employees. However, Illinois views the items addressed under item C., "Regulatory Position," regarding who should receive instruction and how that instruction is to be given as purely informational, and licensees are free to develop programs that suit their specific needs.

We noticed one small area that may need clarification. The response to Question 7 on page 9 discusses background radiation, but you may want to add language to indicate that the background radiation numbers are for a 12-month period which is different from doses recommended throughout the rest of the text, which focuses on the gestation period.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Regulatory Guide. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me or Kathy Allen at (217) 785-9947.

Sincerely.

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