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PAPER TITLE CONDITION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AS CRITERION OF DETERMINISTIC EFFECTS OF LOW DOSES OF RADIATION

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Indices of reproductive health (RH) were studied in persons exposed by long-term radiation during the living at the radiation contamination areas after the accidents in Chernobyl and Southern Urals. 8 RH indices were studied in dynamics. 40,000 people were under surveillance at the territories of Cs-137 radiactive fallout density in the range of 1 to 15 Ci/km², where external exposure doses were in the range of 7 to 68 mSv. Control regions population did not have additional irradiation and Cs-137 radiationuclide content in soil was less than 1 Ci/km².

The investigated Southern Urals population demonstrated 40-85 thousands of people to have annual radiation doses of 0.71, 7.6, 0.49, and 0.53 mSv for the 1st, 18th, 28th, and 38yh year after the nuclear facility start-up, respectively.

It was found that such RH indices like birth rate, general morbidity of newborns, frequency of hereditary development abnormalities, mortal birth rate were the higher, the larger radiation doses comparing to control and these indices were found more frequently, than that were found for lowest contamination levels caused by Chernobyl accident. Such indices like general morbidity rate in pregnant women, the rate of unfavourable outcomes of pregnancy, early delivery, newborn body mass do not correlate to doses and radioactive fallout levels.

Medical consequences analysis for living in critical zones of Southern Urals demonstred the confidently positive correlation coefficient (increasing with the elevation of dose) for mortal birth rate and infant mortality. Otherwise, the rate of of hereditary development abnormalities and consequent mortality rate demonstrated the negative correlation to dose.

Revealing of some RH indices conditions can be used as criterion of deterministic effects of low doses of chronical radiation exposure, if other aggrevative influences were accurately taken into account.