

May 1, 2003

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I am responding to the questions in your letter of December 20, 2002, addressed to Mr. John Hickey.

Restated, your questions, related to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) recognition of the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) board certification process as meeting the requirements of 10 CFR 35.290, ask whether this recognition extends from the date of the NRC recognition of the board (May 2002) or can be applied retroactively to diplomates of the board that were "boarded" prior to the date of NRC recognition of the board. The NRC recognition of the CBNC, and their diplomates, extends from the formation of the Board on February 1, 1999, to the present. However, it does not extend to the predecessor of the CBNC, the Certification Council of Nuclear Cardiology.

A copy of your questions and our responses will be considered for addition to the "Questions and Answers about Licensing under Revised 10 CFR Part 35" portion of the NRC's "Medical Use of Byproduct Material" web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/miau-reg-initiatives/by-product.html>).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Robert Ayres at 301-415-5746.

Sincerely,

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