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Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology
ATTN: Dr. James E. Udelson, M.D., Vice President
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Dear Dr. Udelson:

I am replying to your letter dated January 10, 2003, to Donald Cool, requesting formal recognition, under 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material", for the Certification Council of Nuclear Cardiology (CCNC) diplomates. The Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC), the successor to the CCNC after a name change in February 1999, gained NRC recognition in May of 2002.

In your letter of January 10, 2003, you stated that the CCNC certification process meets or exceeds all of the requirements of subsection §35.290 "Training for imaging and localization studies" of the new 10 CFR Part 35 and should, therefore, be granted the same recognition as previously given for the CBNC.

We have reviewed your request, and concluded that the CCNC certification process, as described in your letter and attached application requirements, does not meet the requirements established in §35.290(c) for NRC recognition of CCNC Medical Specialty Board. The criteria set forth in §35.290 for obtaining NRC recognition of a Medical Specialty Board diplomates is contained in two parts: §35.290(c)(1), which requires 700 hours of training and experience in various areas; and §35.290(c)(2), the specified written certification, signed by a preceptor, who meets the stipulated requirements. It would appear that the CCNC's Board certification requirements comply with the minimum training and experience requirements but you have not demonstrated that essential preceptor certification was required by the CCNC. Specifically, on page 6 of your "2001 Candidate Bulletin" for the CBNC, there is a clear requirement for the required preceptor statement in the "Application Information and Checklist". This requirement was pivotal in gaining NRC recognition of the CBNC. No similar requirement is contained in your "Candidate Bulletin", dated September 10, 1996, for applicants for CCNC Board Certification.

Diplomates of the CCNC Board Certification process, who licensees wish to have added to their license in accordance with 10 CFR 35.14, will have to submit both a copy of their CCNC certificate and the signed preceptor statement.

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If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Robert Ayres at 301-415-5746 or e-mail at rx1@nrc.gov

Sincerely,

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