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Please notify the NRC, via letter, six months in advance of ABNM plans for becoming inactive or disbanding, as well as of changes to certification procedures that would affect the recognition of ABNM's certification process under the requirements of 10 CFR 35.190(a), 35.290(a), and 35.390.

For further information or for questions, please contact Donna-Beth Howe, Ph.D. of my staff at (301) 415-7848 or via e-mail: dbh@nrc.gov.

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