

December 23, 2005

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NRC staff reviewed ABSNM's certification process for your three different specialties and determined that, based on your November 18, 2005 and December 9, 2005, letters, the Nuclear Medicine Physics and Instrumentation specialty and the Radiation Protection specialty meet the applicable requirements in 10 CFR 35.50(a) for NRC recognition. Accordingly, your two approved specialties of the ABSNM will be listed on NRC's web site for Part 35 matters at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit.html> with a recognition date of June, 2006, and a link to an example of the certificates issued to the candidates. However, as discussed during previous e-mail and telephone correspondence, the certification process for the Radiopharmaceutical Science Specialty is denied NRC recognition because it does not meet the applicable requirements in 10 CFR 35.50(a)(2).

Please notify the NRC, via letter, six months in advance of ABSNM plans for becoming inactive or disbanding, as well as of changes to certification procedures that would affect the recognition of ABSNM's certification processes under the requirements of 10 CFR 35.50(a).

For further information or for questions, please contact Mr. Mohammad Saba of my staff at (301) 415-7608 or via e-mail: mss@nrc.gov.

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