

September 8, 2006

American Board of Radiology
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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY UNDER 10 CFR 35.290 AND
35.392

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ABR's certification process for the Diagnostic Radiology is currently 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, for 10 CFR 35.290 and 35.392. This recognition date will be revised following input from the ABR.

For further information or for questions, please contact Ms. Cindy Flannery of my staff at (301) 415-0223 or via e-mail: cmf@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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