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SUBJECT: VOIDED AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Your amendment request to add Dr. John Brandon and Dr. Joseph Apostol as authorized users in NRC License No. 25-07553-01 has been voided due to inadequate training and experience documentation in the areas that they are seeking recognition. These physicians can work under the supervision of an authorized user until they can meet the training and experience requirements to be named on an NRC license. You can submit a new amendment request once Dr. Brandon meets the training and experience requirements described in 10 CFR 35.390, 35.392 or 35.394, and when Dr. Apostol meets the training and experience requirements described in 10 CFR 35.290.

Our revised medical training and experience regulations no longer differentiate between diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, or cardiovascular versus non cardiovascular procedures. The new regulations require a physician who wants to become an authorized user to have:

- 1) a board certification recognized by NRC and a preceptor attestation, or
- 2) have required training and experience and a preceptor attestation, or
- 3) be listed as an authorized user in an NRC or Agreement State license for the same type of uses for which the individual is seeking recognition.

The new regulations are based on dose. Therefore, training and experience requirements for a physician who wants to administer only I-131 (no other unsealed radionuclide) in quantities less than or equal to 33 millicuries are described in 10 CFR 35.392. These requirements can be found at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part035/part035-0392.html>

Training and experience requirements for a physician who wants to administer only I-131 (no other unsealed radionuclide) in quantities greater than 33 millicuries are described in 10 CFR 35.394. These requirements can be found at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part035/part035-0394.html>

Training and experience requirements for a physician who wants to administer all unsealed radionuclides (including I-131) are described in 10 CFR 35.390. These requirements can be found at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part035/part035-0390.html>

Training and experience requirements for a physician who wants to administer radionuclides for imaging and localization studies are described in 10 CFR 35.290. These requirements can be found at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part035/part035-0290.html>

Current boards recognized by NRC can be found at.

<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit/spec-board-cert.html>

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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