

October 17, 2006

American Board of Radiology  
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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF RADIOLOGIC PHYSICS UNDER 10 CFR 35.50 AND 35.51

Dear Dr. Hattery:

I am writing regarding the recent recognition of American Board of Radiology's (ABR) certification process for Radiologic Physics under the requirements of 10 CFR 35.50 and 35.51. In your communications with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), ABR stated that its certification requirements have been modified to comply with the 2005 revision to the training and experience (T&E) requirements in 10 CFR Part 35 with an effective date of June, 2007. While this addresses diplomates being certified from June, 2007 forward, the ABR has not addressed whether it is able to determine if there are diplomates who have obtained their ABR-Radiologic Physics certification prior to June, 2007 who also satisfy all of NRC's training and experience requirements under the board certification pathway. Therefore, the NRC will consider proposals provided by the ABR to allow diplomates who have obtained their ABR-Radiologic Physics certification prior to June, 2007 to become eligible for status as an authorized medical physicist (AMP) or radiation safety officer (RSO) under the board certification pathway. If ABR decides to pursue such proposal, please provide the method that ABR will use to verify that these diplomates' qualifications meet the current 10 CFR Part 35 T&E and exam requirements.

Since ABR has not altered its certificates to indicate to NRC which diplomates have fulfilled all NRC T&E requirements and, therefore, is not expected that ABR will modify/append the certificates of the diplomates described above, NRC will accept letters from ABR written on behalf of such applicants seeking to become AMPs or RSOs. If the ABR chooses to submit letters to the NRC on behalf of diplomates, please specify the format and the content of the letters as well as the title of the individuals who are authorized to sign such letters. The letters must state that the named applicant is a diplomate of the ABR-Radiologic Physics, to include the sub-specialty, and that he or she meets the current requirements in applicable sections of 10 CFR 35 and that NRC's current requirements were met at the time that the diplomate successfully completed his or her certification. In your response to this letter, please provide NRC with a copy of a sample letter in order that a link to this sample letter can be posted on NRC's web site of specialty boards recognized by NRC under 10 CFR Part 35 at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit/spec-board-cert.html>.

ABR's certification process for the Radiologic Physics is currently listed on NRC's web site with a recognition date of June, 2007 for 10 CFR 35.50 and 35.51. This recognition date will be revised, if appropriate, based on further input from the ABR.

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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](mailto:cmf@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA/ CFlannery for**

Sandra Wastler, Chief  
Medical Safety & Events Assessment Branch  
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