

July 28, 2010

American Board of Nuclear Medicine
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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF REVISED BOARD CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Dear Dr. Royal:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 13, 2010, and e-mail dated April 13, 2009, requesting recognition of the 2007 changes to the American Board of Nuclear Medicine's (ABNM's) board certification certificate.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed the information provided in the e-mail describing the word changes made to the certificate and the reason for these changes. The staff's understanding is that the changes (addition of participation in maintenance of certification and removal of the listed modalities) were made to make the Board more consistent with the other American Board of Medical Specialties boards. It is the staff's further understanding that no changes were made to the ABNM's certification process for physicians receiving training in the United States under the supervision of an authorized user. Based on this information, NRC recognizes both the 2005 certificate and the 2007 revised certificate with "United States" at the bottom as part of NRC's recognition of ABNM's board certification process in accordance with the requirements in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 35.190(a), 35.290(a), and 35.390(a). Accordingly, both ABNM board certification certificates will be included with the ABNM recognition on NRC's web site for Part 35 matters, at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit.html>.

The staff understands that the ABNM is notifying NRC that ABNM certificates issued to individuals after their first 10 years of certification will not have "United States" at the bottom. Therefore, neither the pre-2005 certificates nor the later certificates without the "United States" on the bottom will be recognized by NRC. If this is not your intent, we will need to discuss the issue further.

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 and certification documents 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(a).

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

Sincerely,

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