

September 13, 2012

Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology
ATTN: Dawn Edgerton
Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION BOARD OF NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY REAPPLICATION FOR
SPECIALTY BOARD RECOGNITION

Dear Ms. Edgerton:

I am writing in response to your February 15, 2012 and August 6, 2012 letters informing and clarifying organizational and program changes made by the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC).

NRC staff reviewed the information describing the organizational change resulting in the CBNC becoming a division under the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular Imaging (CCCVI), and changes made to the certification program in 2007 describing training and experience requirements for physicians who completed their training more than 7 years prior to their application to take the CBNC examination. It is also our understanding that the CCCVI assumed responsibility for the administrative functions of the CBNC and another cardiology certification board but that the CBNC autonomously retains its responsibilities to develop, administer, and manage the CBNC examination and certification program. This organizational change also resulted in a new CBNC certificate that identifies the CBNC as a Division of the CCCVI. It is also the staff's understanding that every individual who completed their training and experience more than 7 years prior to applying to take the board certification examination has to document both that their original training and experience meets all NRC's current criteria for board recognition in 10 CFR 35.290(a), and the recentness of training criteria set by the board. The board's recentness of training criteria are documentation of minimum nuclear cardiology cases within the last 24 months, completion of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) hours in the last 36 months, and either AU status or completion of 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training.

Based on this information, NRC will continue to recognize the CBNC board certification process for certificates including the word "trained in the United States" and either issued prior to 2013 by the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology or issued after 2012 by the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology; a Division of the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular. Examples of these certificates will be posted on NRC's web site for Part 35 matters at:

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

Please notify the NRC, via letter, six months in advance of CBNC plans for becoming inactive or disbanding, plans to inactivate, as well as of changes to certification procedures and certification documents that would affect the recognition of CBNC's certification process under the requirements of 10 CFR 35.290(a).

For further information or for questions, please contact Michael Fuller of my staff at (301) 415-0520 or via e-mail: michael.fuller@nrc.gov.

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