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DEAR SIR:

The April issue of Nuclear News (p. 74) noted a proposed amendment to 10CFR 20. Comments were requested on 20.600, which applies to certification of health physicists. May I point out that health physicists have been certified by the American Board of Health Physics Examiners. This effort is sponsored by the Health Physics Society and is internationally recognized. Provisions are made for evaluation of credentials, ~~and~~ testing, recertification, and revocation of certificates.

I strongly advise that you recognize this procedure and not duplicate their efforts. While I am in sympathy with Mr Victor E Andersson's petition, I do not approve of federal government agencies entering into this judgement of competence. It opens the doors for political pressure on the agency. Leave this important judgement to the professionals in health physics. 7908150387

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