

## NRC Communication with ABHP in 2019 - 2022

### E-mail to ABHP in 2019

**From:** Fisher, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 11:39 AM  
**To:** 'awride-graney@burkinc.com' <[awride-graney@burkinc.com](mailto:awride-graney@burkinc.com)>  
**Subject:** NRC recognition of the ABHP's certification for RSOs

Dear Amy Wride-Graney ABHP,

Good afternoon! I am writing to you regarding the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's recognition of Specialty Board certifications. During a recent NRC audit, we identified that the certificate issued by the American Board of Health Physics for Radiation Safety Officers is missing from the [NRC-maintained website](#).

Attached is the packet of communication between the NRC and the American Board of Health Physics from the 2006 timeframe. Normally, the certificate is included in the packet. The certificate, as submitted to the NRC, needs to have a "Not Valid" or "Sample" watermark. After the certificate is submitted, the NRC staff typically degrades the quality (to prevent malicious fraud) before we post it to our public website.

Could you please submit the certificate that you would have issued in the 2006 timeframe? It needs to contain the watermark. Could you also submit the current certificate, including the 'Not Valid' watermark, that you issue to Radiation Safety Officers? Has the certificate changed?

Could you please address whether the American Board of Health Physics's process has changed in anyway? If so, could you please explain how it has changed and whether the specialty board continues to be in compliance with [10 CFR 35.50](#)? We ask that the communication be on the American Board of Health Physics letterhead and signed by a person authorized to speak for the board (i.e., its chief executive officer or designee).

You can mail to the following:

Michael Layton, Director  
Division of Materials Safety, Security, State, and Tribal Programs  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attention: Chris Einberg, Chief, Medical Safety & Events Assessment Branch, Mail Stop T5B60

Thank you for your attention on this. Please let me know if you have any questions. If you e-mail me a PDF of the letter (in addition to mailing), we can expediate the processing.

Sincerely,  
*Jennifer Fisher*

Section 3.9, "Communications," of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Office Procedure 70-03-2, "Procedures for Recognizing, Monitoring, and Terminating the Certification Process of Specialty Boards" <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML2035/ML20351A389.pdf>) states that:

- E-mail is appropriate for correspondence to gain alignment and should be retained as an official record in ADAMS.
- Phone calls or meetings should be summarized in writing and retained as an official record in ADAMS.

## Phone Calls in 2019

On October 30, 2019, staff called ABHP and left a voicemail. Staff tried to call a couple more times after that and left voicemails. No response.

## Letter to Ms. Amy Wride-Graney in 2020

Signed by Mike Layton on 2/14/2020  
Mailed out on 2/14/20

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Note: ABHP did not respond.

## E-mail to ABHP in 2022

**From:** Fisher, Jennifer <[Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** Director <[director@aahp-abhp.org](mailto:director@aahp-abhp.org)>  
**Cc:** Einberg, Christian <[Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov](mailto:Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov)>  
**Subject:** ABHP Letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Michael,

Good Afternoon. This morning I called the ABHP to verify the mailing address. I now understand that ABHP is under new management. In the 2019 and 2020 timeframe, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff (including me) were trying to get ahold of Amy Wride-Graney. We were not successful. Attached is a letter that we had sent.

Since taking over, have you sent a letter to address these concerns? If you have not seen this letter yet, would you be able to address these concerns?

The NRC is currently preparing an additional letter to all of the specialty boards to verify your status of an NRC-recognized specialty board. You should receive that very soon.

### Jenny Fisher

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**From:** Michael Canino <mcanino@cmasolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 1:47 PM  
**To:** Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>  
**Cc:** Einberg, Christian <Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov>; Michael Canino <mcanino@cmasolutions.com>  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] RE: ABHP Letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Hello Jennifer,

I have shared your request with our Board for review.

Either the Board or myself will follow up with you shortly.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Thank you.

**Michael Canino**  
*Executive Director*  
**AAHP (The American Academy of Health Physics)**  
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**From:** Michael Canino  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>  
**Cc:** Einberg, Christian <Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov>; Director <[director@aahp-abhp.org](mailto:director@aahp-abhp.org)>; [klink17@tds.net](mailto:klink17@tds.net)  
**Subject:** RE: ABHP Letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Jennifer,

A response letter with sample certificates is attached for your review.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Thank you.

**Michael Canino**  
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**From:** Michael Canino <mcanino@cmasolutions.com>

**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2022 10:45 AM

**To:** Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>

**Cc:** Einberg, Christian <Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov>; 'Director' <director@aahp-abhp.org>; klink17@tds.net; amabry <amabry@ec.rr.com>

**Subject:** [External\_Sender] RE: \*Updated\* ABHP Letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Jennifer,

A revised response letter with sample certificates is attached for your review. I added a clarification to the second point in the letter.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Thank you.

**Michael Canino**

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