

June 30, 2006

American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine
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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTY BOARD

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NRC staff reviewed AOBNM's certification process for Nuclear Medicine and determined, based on the above-cited letter, including 4 attachments, that the Board's Nuclear Medicine specialty meets the applicable requirements in 10 CFR 35.290 for NRC recognition as of May 18, 2006. Accordingly, AOBNM's certification process for Nuclear Medicine will be listed on NRC's web site for Part 35 matters at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/miau/med-use-toolkit.html> with a recognition date of May 18, 2006, and a link to an example of the certificate issued to diplomates.

Note that a Nuclear Medicine diplomate of the AOBNM who was accepted into candidacy based on satisfying Nuclear Medicine certification requirements of the AOBNM in effect prior to May 18, 2006, will not be able to follow the certification-board pathway, in 10 CFR 35.290(a), to NRC authorized status; such persons will have to use the alternate pathway, in 10 CFR 35.290(c).

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

For further information or for questions, please contact Dr. Ronald Zelac of my staff at (301) 415-7635 or via e-mail at: rez@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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