

September 1, 2006

T. Pearce O'Kelley, Chair
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.
205 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Mr. O'Kelley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your August 9, 2006, letter regarding a proposed process for review of radiographer certification programs. As indicated in the letter, the proposed process was a result of a March 14, 2006, meeting attended by representatives of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Organization of Agreement States, Inc. (OAS), and the Conference of Radiation Control Programs Directors, Inc (CRCPD). The meeting, held in Rockville, Maryland, was convened to discuss the implementation of the National Materials Program (NMP) Pilot Project 2 work products.

Based on your letter, we learned that the CRCPD Board does not agree with the proposed process. Furthermore, the CRCPD Board believes that the process for approval and review of radiography certification programs should be the same as that used by NRC to recognize organizations that certify medical professionals.

We are in the process of reviewing your proposed approach and will provide you with a response as soon as our technical and legal staff completes their review. We recognize CRCPD's role and contribution in the radiographer certification area and will continue to work with the CRCPD to find a path forward for review of radiographer certification programs.

If you have any questions regarding the correspondence, please contact me at 301-415-3340 or Kevin Hsueh of my staff at 301-415-2598.

Sincerely,

/RA R. Virgilio for/

Janet R Schlueter, Director
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