

2022 Communication Log for the Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology

When the NRC communicated with specialty boards, email communications were retained as official records. Phone calls and/or meetings were summarized in writing. The following correspondence is included in ADAMS as publicly available to ensure that the NRC meets the agency's Official Record goals.

On March 15, 2022, the NRC mailed the following letter:

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[Open ADAMS Document \(Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology, Review of Specialty Board Continued Recognition by the NRC\)](#)

PHONE CALL DOCUMENTATION. On April 19, 2022, Jenny Fisher called the Endocrine Center in Houston, Texas. Jenny believes that Dr. Eric Orzeck, the last known president of the CBNE, currently works there. A researcher at the center confirmed that he was a current doctor and routed me to the business manager's voicemail. Jenny left a voicemail asking for Eric to call her back.

ACMUI OUTREACH. On April 20, 2022, Jenny Fisher performed outreach with three members of the ACMUI. The inquiry pertained to the CBNE and to whether the members were familiar with the specialty board. Dr. Vasken Dilsizian, Dr. Darlene Metter, and Dr. Hossein Jadvar responded that, in their professional lives, they have never heard of this board. These ACMUI members were contacted due to their professional areas of expertise. Dr. Dilsizian has expertise in diagnostic radiology and has nuclear medicine contacts. Dr. Jadvar is the nuclear medicine physician.

INTERNAL NRC OUTREACH. On April 20, 2022, Chris Einberg, MSEB Chief, e-mailed the regional branch chiefs regarding CBNE. He informed them that as his staff were performing the 5 year review and it came to our attention that CBNE may have become inactive a couple of years ago. He inquired whether their staff have processed any licensing actions involving CBNE issued certificates. Also, if anyone has information about the CBNE's status or what year they became inactive, please have them reach out.

PHONE CALL DOCUMENTATION. On April 21, 2022, Jenny Fisher called the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology (AACE) to determine if they had any information on the CBNE. The receptionist had never heard of the certification boards. She searched within her network to determine if any related terms were able to be located. She looked in the membership database for Eric Orzeck and Mark Lupo. She determined that neither were an active member of AACE. When Jenny stated that she had tried to use the Contact Form on the AACE website (however encountered a technical error), she provided an email address for the AACE education team, Education@aace.com.

From: Fisher, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 2:26 PM
To: Education@aace.com
Cc: Einberg, Christian <Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov>
Subject: NRC- Seeking information on CBNE

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Dear AACE,

I'm an U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff member who is trying to obtain information on the Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology (CBNE). I understand that the CBNE and AACE may have been informally linked. The CBNE was an NRC-recognized specialty board which was permitted to issue certificates that demonstrated to employers that certificate-holders met the NRC regulations for training and experience. Do you know what year the CBNE became inactive? Do you know when their last examination was?

Provided is the February 22, 2011 letter from CBNE to the NRC in which the relationship between CBNE and AACE is explained.

<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1113/ML111360527.pdf>

Slides from 2013: <https://studylib.net/doc/8781796/aace-ace--cbne-nuclear-medicine-course-overview--2013>

If you could provide a name and contact to discuss this matter with, I would be grateful.

Thanks so much,

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From: Tamitha Allen <tallen@aace.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: NRC- Seeking information on CBNE

Hello Dr. Fisher,

Thank you for contacting AACE. The decision was made in 2018 to let this entity be administratively dissolved by the State of Florida. The state administratively dissolved this entity as of September 27, 2019. This is all public knowledge on the State of Florida's website.

The attached report is from October 18, 2013, which reported that on August 8, 2013, a letter was received from the NRC recognizing CBNE as a certifying body for nuclear endocrinology – low dose and nuclear endocrinology – high dose certifications. It looks like they tried to get this approved since at least 2009.

I am not sure when the last course was provided but, in checking committee appointments rosters, the last time the Nuclear Medicine Endocrine Certifying Board Committee was appointed was 2017-2018.

Hope this is of some help,

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Regards,
Tami Allen
Member Service Professional

From: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 10:55 AM
To: Tamitha Allen <tallen@aaace.com>
Subject: RE: Re: NRC- Seeking information on CBNE

Dear Tami,

This is very helpful. The attachment that you sent was connected to your SharePoint network. Would you be able to PDF it and re-send it?

Thanks so much,

Jenny Fisher
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From: Tamitha Allen <tallen@aaace.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: Re: NRC- Seeking information on CBNE

Dr. Fisher,

Here is the pdf version as requested.

Regards,

Tami Allen
Member Service Professional

ATTACHMENT was added to ADAMS:
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[Open ADAMS Document \(October 18 2013 Memo from CNBE to American College of Endocrinology\)](#)

On April 25, 2022, Jennifer Fisher submitted a message to Dr. Orzeck through the Contact Us page on the Endocrine Center; <https://www.endocrinecenter.com/contactus>.

Dear Dr. Orzeck,

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I work for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and we have been trying to get ahold of you in regards to the Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology (CBNE). We are trying to confirm that this specialty board disbanded. On what date did the board disband? We are also seeking the date of the last examination or the last time that candidates were certified by the board?

Thank you in advance,

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PHONECALL DOCUMENTATION. On April 25, 2022, Jenny Fisher called the medical practice of Dr. Mark Lupo at [\(941\) 342-9750](tel:9413429750). Jenny left a voicemail asking for the doctor to call or email her and referenced CBNE.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Mioduszezewski <lmioduszezewski@thyroidflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 5:51 PM
To: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Subject: [External_Sender] message that you left for me today

I am responding to the voicemail you left me today about reaching out to Dr. Mark Lupo.

How may I help?

Lisa Mioduszezewski

Practice Manager
Thyroid & Endocrine Center of Florida

From: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Lisa Mioduszezewski <lmioduszezewski@thyroidflorida.com>
Cc: Dimarco, Daniel <Daniel.Dimarco@nrc.gov>
Subject: Dr. Mark Lupo- Seeking confirmation on status of CBNE

Lisa,

Thank you so much for following up on my voicemail to Dr. Mark Lupo. Would you be able to forward the following message to him?

Dear Dr. Lupo,

We are performing reviews for all of the NRC-recognized specialty boards. On March 15, 2022, we sent letters to each of the boards; both by mail and e-mail. Unfortunately, we did not have an active e-mail address for the Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology (CBNE). That letter is attached.

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I believe CBNE disbanded and we are hoping for confirmation. As a past board member, can you confirm the status of CBNE?

- When did the CBNE become inactive or disband?
- When was the last time the CBNE held an examination?

I have also tried to contact Dr. Eric Orzeck at his medical practice, but I have not heard back. I appreciate any follow up that you can provide. If the board has not disbanded, then I am seeking the contact information for the current board.

Thank you in advance.

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From: Lisa Mioduszewski <lmioduszewski@thyroidflorida.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Fisher, Jennifer <Jennifer.Fisher@nrc.gov>
Subject: [External_Sender] FW: Dr. Mark Lupo- Seeking confirmation on status of CBNE

From: Mark Lupo <MLupo@thyroidflorida.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Lisa Mioduszewski <lmioduszewski@thyroidflorida.com>
Subject: Re: Dr. Mark Lupo- Seeking confirmation on status of CBNE

I am no longer involved or an AACE member. Would call national Aace office in Jacksonville for these queries
Sent from my iPhone

From: Fisher, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Lisa Mioduszewski <lmioduszewski@thyroidflorida.com>
Subject: RE: FW: Dr. Mark Lupo- Seeking confirmation on status of CBNE

Thanks again, Lisa, for helping us to coordinate some of these conversations.

Jenny

Dr. Steven Artz
3100 MacCorkle Ave SE Suite 700
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 351-1500

PHONE CALL DOCUMENTATION. On May 6, 2022, Jenny Fisher called the medical practice of Dr. Steven Artz and spoke to an administrative assistant. She reported that he was on leave through the summer. She did not have an email address to share and recommended that I not leave a message.

Dr. Carlos Hamilton
6410 Fannin St Ste 1228
Houston, TX 77030
713-500-3825

PHONE CALL DOCUMENTATION. On May 6, 2022, Jenny Fisher called the medical practice of Dr. Carlos Hamilton and left a voicemail. She left her phone number and email address.

NOTE. On May 6, 2022, an NRC administrative assistant received an envelope marked Return-to-sender. This was the mail that the NRC had sent to Dr. Orzech.

The address on the envelope:

Certification Board of Nuclear Endocrinology
Attn: Eric A Orzech, M.D., Chair
245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 200
Jacksonville Florida 32202

On May 18, 2022, the NRC mailed the following letter:

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On July 29, 2022, the NRC sent the following letter certified mail:

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