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NOTIFICATION OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING ON
THE TERMINATION OF NRC RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF
RADIOLOGY'S CERTIFICATION PROCESSES (STC-23-062)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff plans to have a public meeting on the American Board of Radiology's (ABR) intent to eliminate its NRC-recognized certification processes by the end of 2023, effectively ceasing the NRC's recognition of its certification program.

Background: On March 30, 2005 (70 FR 16335), the NRC published the final rule, Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* "(10 CFR) Part 35 – Medical Use of Byproduct Material Recognition of Specialty Boards," providing, among other things, the updated criteria that specialty boards must meet to be recognized by the NRC or the Agreement States. Once a specialty board's certification process for a specialty area is recognized by the NRC, any individual certified by that specialty board for the recognized specialty area may be approved to be an authorized user (AU), radiation safety officer (RSO) or associate RSO, authorized medical physicist (AMP), or authorized nuclear pharmacist (ANP). The NRC license reviewers grant these approvals during licensing actions.

The staff maintains an NRC public website titled "[Specialty Board\(s\) Certification Recognized by NRC Under 10 CFR Part 35](#)." The website lists the specialty boards and specialty areas recognized by the NRC, and it provides samples of board certificates to allow NRC and Agreement State license reviewers to compare the sample certificates to the certificates submitted as part of a licensing action.

In April 2022, the ABR formally notified NRC (ML22091A272) of its intent to eliminate its NRC-recognized certification processes and discontinue or stop issuing ABR certificates with "AU Eligible," "AMP Eligible," and "RSO Eligible" designations after December 31, 2023. In November 2023, the NRC will notify the ABR by letter of the cessation of NRC's recognition of ABR's certification processes.

Public Meeting: The NRC staff will hold an online/teleconference public meeting on September 12, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Eastern Time, to discuss the ABR's decision and how affected individuals can apply for authorized individual status. The details of the public meeting are provided in an announcement on the NRC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg?do=details&Code=20230929>.

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