

June 4, 2008

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ATTN: Arl Van Moore, M.D.

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF A DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIST TO ACMUI

Dear Dr. Van Moore:

I am writing in response to your letter April 18, 2008 requesting that a diagnostic radiologist be added as a voting member of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI).

In June, 2007, the American Board of Radiology (ABR) proposed adding a diagnostic radiologist as a member of the ACMUI. This proposal was discussed with ACMUI at the October 22, 2007 ACMUI Meeting. NRC staff and ACMUI members believed that there should be an opportunity for the diagnostic radiology community to express its concerns at ACMUI meetings when issues of interest to diagnostic radiologists are being discussed. However, at the October 22, 2007 ACMUI meeting, a point of view was presented by an ACMUI member that some diagnostic radiologists oppose representation on the ACMUI. It was decided that the NRC would invite ABR to nominate a diagnostic radiologist who would participate in the ACMUI meetings as a non-member for an unspecified period of time to determine whether both NRC and the diagnostic radiology community are mutually benefiting from his or her participation.

In a letter dated February 15, 2008 to ABR, NRC stated that NRC staff believes that the composition of the ACMUI already includes diverse skills within the medical community to cover all of the medical uses regulated under 10 CFR Part 35. Representation by a nuclear medicine authorized user physician covers the medical use of unsealed byproduct material under 10 CFR 35.200 and 35.300 that is employed by diagnostic radiologists. In the February 15, 2008 letter, NRC invited the ABR to select an individual who can attend those ACMUI meetings in which there will be discussion on issues that may be impact diagnostic radiologists as authorized users and NRC requested that ABR coordinate with the American College of Radiology (ACR) to nominate an individual. As of the date of this letter, NRC has not received a response from ABR to NRC's invitation for ABR to select an individual who can attend future ACMUI meetings. After ABR and ACR nominate an individual and that individual has participated in at least a few meetings, if the ABR and/or ACR are still interested having full diagnostic radiology representation on the ACMUI, ABR and/or ACR are encouraged to send a request to me as the Director of NRC's Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements in the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs. NRC staff, in consultation with ACMUI, would then be in a better position to consider that request.

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For further information or for questions, please contact Ms. Cindy Flannery of my staff at (301)415-0223 or via e-mail at cindy.flannery@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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