



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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HM-16⁹; NOTICE NO. 79-1

(49 CFR Parts 127, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177)

Requirements for Transportation of Radioactive Materials; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Extension of time to file comments.

SUMMARY: On January 8, 1979, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published a notice of proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-169 (44 FR 1852) pertaining to requirements for the transportation of radioactive materials. The changes were proposed to make them compatible with the latest revised international standards for transport of radioactive materials as promulgated by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This notice extends the comment period to coincide with a parallel proposal by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), to amend Title 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging of Radioactive Materials for Transport and Transportation of Radioactive Materials Under Certain Conditions." The NRC proposal should be published

in the Federal Register in the near future.

DATE: The time for filing comments is extended from April 5, 1979, to July 5, 1979.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. R. Rawl, Office of Hazardous Materials Regulations, Materials Transportation Bureau, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, phone 202/426-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A petitioner has requested an extension of time to comment on Docket HM-169, Notice 79-1 in order to evaluate these proposed rules in conjunction with those which are to be published by the NRC. Since the publication date of this docket was intended to correspond with that of the NRC publication on the same subject, the request is reasonable and the MTB has decided that an extension of the comment period is well justified.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808, 49 CFR 1.53; 49 CFR Part 1 App. A and paragraph (a)(4) of App. A to Part 106.

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