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[49 CFR Parts 127, 171, 172, 173, 174,  
175, 176, and 177]

[Docket No. HM-169; Notice No. 79-1]

**Requirements for Transportation of  
Radioactive Materials; Reopening of  
Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Reopening 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 reopens 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 is expected to be  
published in the **Federal Register** on  
August 17, 1979 and will provide a time  
to file comments until October 16, 1979.

**DATE:** Comments must be received on or  
before October 16, 1979.

**ADDRESS:** Comments should be  
addressed to the Dockets Branch,  
Materials Transportation Bureau, U.S.

Department of Transportation,  
Washington, D.C. 20590, and it is  
requested that five copies be submitted.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A  
petitioner had 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.  
This request was granted and by  
publication in the **Federal Register** on  
April 19, 1979 (44 FR 23286) the comment  
period was extended from April 5, 1979  
to July 5, 1979. However, due to  
unforeseen circumstances the NRC  
publication was further delayed. It now  
has been established that the NRC will  
publish its notice of proposed  
rulemaking on August 17, 1979. The MTB  
is reopening the comment period on its  
own notice of proposed rulemaking until  
October 16, 1979 to provide the general  
public with the opportunity to review  
and comment on the NRC and DOT  
proposals simultaneously.

(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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