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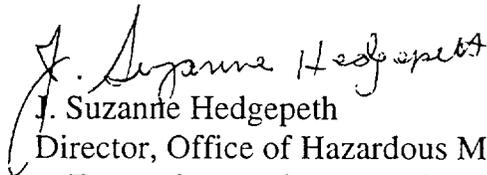
Mr. Michael Carney  
Chairman  
Association of Waste Hazardous  
Materials Transporters  
2200 Mill Road  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Carney:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated December 27, 1996, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 177.804 to establish requirements on financial responsibility that would be consistent with those of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Specifically, you request that the section heading be revised to read "Compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety and Financial Responsibility Regulations" and that a reference to Part 387 be added in the regulatory text.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned number, P-1326. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

  
J. Suzanne Hedgepeth  
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials  
Exemptions and Approvals