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[Docket No. RSPA-99-6283 (HM-230)]

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Hazardous Materials Regulations;
Compatibility With the Regulations of
the International Atomic Energy
Agency

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs
Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed
rulemaking: extension of time to file
comments.

SUMMARY: RSPA is extending for 90
days, until June 29, 2000, the period for
filing comments to an advance notice of
proposed rulemaking (ANPRM)
published under Docket HM-230. RSPA
is taking this action in response to a
petition filed by the United States
Department of Energy (DOE). DOE
requested that RSPA allow additional
time for interested persons to review
and provide comments on the ANPRM
and the recent changes contained in the
International Atomic Energy Agency
[IAEA] publication titled "IAEA Safety
Standards Series: Regulations for the
Safe Transport of Radioactive Material,
1996 Edition, Requirements, No. ST-1"
(hereafter referred to as ST-1).

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before June 29, 2000. To the extent
practicable, we will consider comments
received after this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments
to the Dockets Management System,
U.S. Department of Transportation, PL
401, 400 Seventh Street, SW,
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001.

Comments should refer to Docket
Number RSPA-99-6283 and be
submitted in two copies. If you wish to
receive confirmation of receipt of your
written comments, include a self-
addressed, stamped postcard.
Comments may also be submitted to the
docket electronically by logging onto the
Dockets Management System website at
<http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help &
Information" to obtain instructions for
filing the comment electronically. In
every case, the comment should refer to
the Docket number "RSPA-99-6283".

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located on the Plaza level of the Nassif
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Transportation at the above address.
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Federal holidays. You can also review
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/dms.dot.gov/](http://dms.dot.gov/)."

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Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
December 28, 1999, RSPA published an
ANPRM in the Federal Register under
Docket HM-230 (64 FR 72633) that
solicits comments on the development
of regulations to harmonize the
radioactive materials requirements in
the Hazardous Materials Regulations
(HMR) with the recent changes
contained in the IAEA publication, ST-
1, on the transportation of radioactive
materials. In the ANPRM, specific
comments are requested from interested
persons in defining the scope of the
notice of proposed rulemaking, i.e.,
extent to which differences between the
HMR and the IAEA publication ST-1
should be considered in proposing
changes to the HMR.

RSPA received a petition from DOE
requesting an extension of the comment
period to the ANPRM for an additional
90 days. DOE stated that it is still in the
process of obtaining and distributing the
information in ST-1 to its sizeable
transportation community. RSPA agrees
additional time should be allowed and
is extending the comment period from
March 29, 2000 to June 29, 2000.

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2000, under authority delegated in 49 CFR
Part 106.

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Acting Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety.

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