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Dear Mr. Benson:

Regional Director  
Michele R. McCabe

On behalf of the Midwestern High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee, I am writing to request that DOE extend the deadline for commenting on the Notice of Inquiry regarding Safe Transportation and Emergency Response Training, Technical Assistance, and Funding (60 FR 99; January 6, 1995).

Lexington  
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Lexington, Kentucky 40578-1810  
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For several years, the Midwestern committee, the SSEB Advisory Committee on Radioactive Materials Transportation, and the WIEB High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee have worked with DOE to develop procedures for implementing Section 180(c) of the NWRPA. As you are aware, these three groups will convene a joint meeting with the new Northeastern High-Level Radioactive Waste Transportation Task Force on April 11-12 in Chicago. In addition, the committees will hold their separate regional meetings on April 10 and 13.

Atlanta  
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Because states are one of the primary stakeholders to be affected by DOE's implementation of Section 180(c), the Midwestern committee respectfully requests a 45-day extension of the NOI comment period. Such an extension would allow the regions to discuss 180(c) policy both at the joint meeting and during their individual meetings. Extending the deadline to May 18 would also give the Northeastern task force — whose inaugural meeting falls one week after the current deadline — a chance to comment on this important issue.

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We recognize and support DOE's desire to put the development of 180(c) policy and procedures on the "fast track." We believe, however, that extending the comment period will only improve the quality of the input provided by the four regional committees, which, collectively, represent a significant group of stakeholders in terms of number, expertise, and vested interest.

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Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your reply. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Sattler at 708/810-0210.

Washington  
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Sincerely,

Harold R. Borchert  
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Chairman, Midwestern High-Level Radioactive  
Waste Committee

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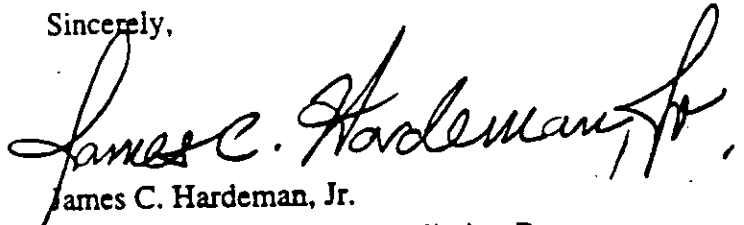


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improve the quality of the input by allowing the four regional committees to establish a dialogue encompassing a significant group of stakeholders.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (404) 362-2675 or Ms. Beth Fulmer at (404) 242-7712.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Hardeman, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James C. Hardeman, Jr.  
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Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and  
Chairman, Southern States Energy Board Advisory  
Committee on Radioactive Materials Transportation

JRH/eaf