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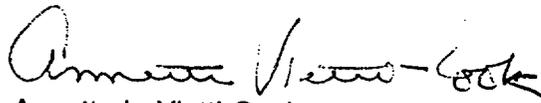
**SUBJECT: REOPENING OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR ANPR: ADVANCED  
NOTIFICATION TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES OF TRANSPORTATION OF  
CERTAIN TYPES OF NUCLEAR WASTE**

Dear Ms. Masten:

I am responding to your letter dated March 1, 2000, in which you requested a 90-day extension of the comment period for the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) published in the Federal Register on December 21, 1999 (64 FR 71331). This ANPR would require licensees to notify Federally recognized Native American Tribes of certain types of radioactive waste shipments, including spent nuclear fuel, before shipments are transported to or across the boundary of Tribal lands. The comment period closed March 22, 2000.

We have reviewed your request and are reopening the comment period for an additional 90 days. The notice announcing this reopening of the comment period is expected to be published in the Federal Register shortly. We look forward to comments from the National Congress of American Indians as well as from the constituent Tribal governments you represent.

Sincerely,

  
Annette L. Vietti-Cook