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RE: Public Comment Period on Documents Regarding Spent Fuel Transportation
Package Response to the Baltimore Tunnel Fire Scenario

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We are writing in response to the Notice of Availability of Documents Regarding Spent Fuel Transportation Package Response to the Baltimore Tunnel Fire Scenario, published in the Federal Register, September 16, 2005.

Based on our discussion at the October 13, 2005 meeting of the WIEB High Level Waste Committee, we are requesting a 60 day extension of the public comment period to December 30, 2005.

Considering the technical complexity of the draft NUREG/CR Report, "Spent Nuclear Fuel Package Response to the Baltimore Tunnel Fire (BTF) Scenario," and the supporting documents, we believe that a 60 day extension is necessary to allow a thorough review and comment process. An additional reason for extending the comment period is the widespread interest in the Baltimore Tunnel Fire within the transportation risk analysis and emergency response communities.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this important study. If you have any questions, please contact one of us, or Scott Field at (303) 573-8910 x126, or by email at sfield@westgov.org.

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