

December 20, 2010

Mr. Stephen Miller, Chairman
National Organization of Test,
Research and Training Reactors
1903 Bishops Castle Drive
Olney, Maryland 20832

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD

Dear Mr. Miller:

We appreciate your willingness to provide feedback on the proposed rulemaking for regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 73, "Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Record Checks of Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Research or Test Reactors" (NRC-2008-0619), as listed in Volume 75, Number 138, of the *Federal Register* on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 (75 FR 42000). Your input has contributed significantly to the development of the rulemaking to date, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is currently drafting responses to each of your comments.

By letter dated October 3, 2010, you requested, on behalf of the National Organization of Test, Research and Training Reactors, that the NRC extend the public comment period to coincide with the ending of the comment period for the rulemaking for proposed 10 CFR Part 37, "Physical Protection of Byproduct Material." After careful consideration, the Commission has decided to reopen the public comment period until midnight, January 31, 2011.

A copy of the *Federal Register* notice to reopen the public comment period is enclosed for your reference. This notice is also publicly available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, Accession Number ML103410306. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the project manager, Scott Sloan, at (301) 415-1619.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure:
As stated