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Transportation Regulations; Compatibility Kith the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Designation of End of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

PROPOSED RULE PR

ACTION: Proposed Rule: Designation of end of comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 8, 1988 (53 FR 21550), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published, for public comment, a proposed rule to make its transportation regulations in 10 FR Part 71 compatible with those of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as contained in IAEA Safety Series No. 6, Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 1985 edition. This rulemaking action, combined with a parallel action by the Department of Transportation (DOT), would make United States regulations for the safe transportation of radioactive material internationally compatible. Because it is important that the public have the opportunity to review and comment on the DOT and NRC proposed rules concurrently, NRC set its initial public comment period to expire on October 6, 1988, expecting the DOT rule to be available for publication by the end of June 1988. Due to delays in publishing the DOT proposed rule, the NRC published a notice on April 4, 1989, (54 FR 13528) in

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the Federal Register that NRC was extending its comment period to expire 60 days after the DOT proposed rule was published in the Federal Register. Furthermore, it was stated that when the DOT rule was published, the NRC would issue another notice which would include a specific date when the NRC comment period would expire. The DOT proposed rule has now been published in the Federal Register (54 FR 47454; November 14, 1989) with a public comment period expiring on February 9, 1990. To permit the NRC public comment period to run concurrently with that of the DOT, the NRC public comment period will expire on February 5, 1990.

DATES: The public comment period expires on February 9, 1990. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, ATTN: Docketing and Service Branch. Hand deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Examine comments received at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

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