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[Docket HM-164; Notice No. 80-1]

Highway Routing of Radioactive
Materials; Additional Public Hearings;
Extension of Time for Public Comment

AGENCY: Materials Transportation
Bureau (MTB), Research and Special
Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Proposed Rule; Notice of public
hearings and extension of time for
public comment.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces one-
day hearings, to be held in two
locations, to consider the proposals
published in the Federal Register on
May 31, 1980 (Docket HM-164;
Notice 80-1, 45 FR 7140) concerning the
highway routing of radioactive
materials. This Notice also extends the
time for public comment by one month,
from May 31, 1980 through June 30, 1980.

DATES: One-day hearings are scheduled
as follows:

1. June 11, 1980, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

2. June 13, 1980, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
New York, New York.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held at
the following locations:

1. June 11, 1980, p.m., Boston,
Massachusetts. Transportation Systems
Center, Building No. 2, 1st Floor
Auditorium, Kendall Square, Cambridge,
Massachusetts 02142.

2. June 13, 1980, New York, New York.
Police Headquarters Auditorium.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marilyn E. Morris, Office of Hazardous
Materials Regulation, Materials
Transportation Bureau, Department of
Transportation, 400 Seventh Street,

S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 426-
2075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any
person wishing to present an oral
statement at a hearing should notify the
Dockets Branch in writing at least two
days in advance of the hearing date.
Written requests for time to speak
should be addressed to Dockets Branch,
Materials Transportation Bureau, U.S.
Department of Transportation,
Washington, D.C. 20590. Persons
providing written notice of their desire
to speak will be given priority in the
schedule of speakers. Persons wishing to
speak who have not notified in the
Dockets Branch in writing will be
permitted to speak if time is available.

Each written request must state: (1)
The identity of the speaker, (2) the
length of the presentation (not to exceed
7 minutes), (3) organization(s) the
speaker represents (representatives
from the same organization may be
asked to consolidate their
presentations), and (4) a mailing address
and a daytime telephone number
through which the speaker may be
contacted. Requests will be
acknowledged in writing or by
telephone. Failure to provide the
necessary information may result in
delayed acknowledgement of the
requests.

The Department will also receive oral
comments during the evening at each
location if there are speakers who have
notified the Department in advance of
their inability to attend the daytime
hearings. If needed, the evening session
will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until
there are no scheduled speakers in
attendance. However, the evening
session will end not later than 10:00 p.m.

The MTB initially scheduled five
public hearings (45 FR 14609, March 6,
1980) on the proposed rules. Those
hearings, which have now been
completed, were conducted at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (March 28,
1980); Chicago, Illinois (April 3, 1980);
Atlanta, Georgia (April 8, 1980); Denver,
Colorado (April 15, 1980); and Seattle,
Washington (April 18, 1980). The
usefulness of the completed hearings in

clarifying views and issues concerning
MTB's regulatory proposal, and the
considerable public interest expressed
for hearings in the northeastern United
States, indicate that the two additional
hearings announced in this Notice are
justified. In order to provide additional
time for the hearings and for subsequent
written comment, this Notice also
extends the time for written comment
from May 31, 1980, through June 30, 1980.

The hearings are intended to provide
an additional opportunity for persons
affected by or otherwise interested in
highway transportation of radioactive
materials to present views in an oral
statement on the MTB's January 31, 1980
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Those
proposed rules concern routes used by
motor vehicles required to be placarded
Radioactive, particularly vehicles
carrying large quantity radioactive
materials. The proposed rules also
would affect public availability of
information concerning such routes,
driver training, and State and local
regulation of highway carriers. A copy
of the proposed rules and the
explanatory preamble is available by
calling or writing the Dockets Branch or
Ms. Marilyn Morris, as indicated above.

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