

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs
Administration****49 CFR Part 173****[Docket HM-179, Advance Notice]****Definition of Oxidizer; Extension of
Comment Period****AGENCY:** Material Transportation
Bureau, Research and Special Programs
Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Extension of time to file
comments.**SUMMARY:** On June 15, 1981, the
Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB)
published an advance notice of
proposed rulemaking under Docket HM-
179 (46 FR 31294) pertaining to the
definition of an oxidizer. This notice
requested comments on efforts to make
that definition more specific and to
provide tests which shippers may use to
determine whether their products are
oxidizers for purposes of transportation.
By this notice, MTB is extending the
comment period 90 days, from
September 14, 1981, to December 15,
1981.**DATE:** The time for filing comments is
extended from September 14, 1981, to
December 15, 1981.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Dr. Charles Ke, Sciences Branch
Technical Division, Materials
Transportation Bureau, Department of
Transportation, 400 7th St. S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20590. (202-426-2311).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In
consideration of a request made by the
Harry A. Wray Associates for additional
time in which it may file comments on
this advance notice of proposed
rulemaking, MTB is extending the
comment period by 90 days. This
extension should allow ample time in
which interested persons can assemble
technical and historical information on
materials which may or may not be
currently regulated as oxidizers
transported in commerce.(49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808; 49 CFR 1.53, App.
A to Part 1 and paragraph (a)(4) of App A to
Part 106)**Note.**—The Material Transportation Bureau
has determined that this document will not
result in a "major rule" under terms of
Executive Order 12291 and DOT
implementing procedures (44 FR 11034) nor
require an environmental impact statement
under the National Environmental Policy Act
(49 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)Issued in Washington, D.C., on September
4, 1981.Alan I. Roberts,
*Associate Director for Hazardous Materials
Regulation, Materials Transportation Bureau.*

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