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Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee
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Dear Mr. Leuer:

Thank you for your December 11, 2018, letter regarding the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum *ad hoc* working group input to the revision to Department of Energy (DOE or Department) Order (O) 460.2A, *Departmental Materials Transportation and Packaging Management* (the Order). DOE Orders and other Directives are the Department's primary means of establishing policies, requirements, and responsibilities for Departmental elements and contractors.

The Order is being revised by a team of staff from DOE headquarters and field sites, including the Office of Environmental Management, the Office of Nuclear Energy, the Office of Science, the National Nuclear Security Administration, the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, and the Carlsbad Field Office. The effort to revise the Order is intended to reflect current DOE program activities and relevant requirements, remove duplication with other DOE requirements (e.g., DOE O 460.1D, *Hazardous Materials Packaging and Transport Safety*, DOE O 461.1C, *Packaging and Transportation for Offsite Shipment of Materials of National Security Interest*), include pertinent requirements currently contained in DOE Manual 460.2-1A, *Radioactive Material Transportation Practices Manual*, and update references. Additionally, the revision team is considering state and tribal input, which was developed during a previous revision effort in the 2014-2016 timeframe, including state and tribal input from the Transportation Practices *ad hoc* working group's Compilation of Comments and Resolutions file (April 2016).

When a revised draft is completed, which is anticipated to be later this calendar year, it will be submitted for review and comment by offices across the Department. DOE also plans to coordinate with, and provide an opportunity for review and comment to, the Tribal Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, and each of the appropriate State Regional Group committees.



If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Ellen Edge, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Packaging and Transportation, at ellen.edge@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne D. Lorence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joanne" being the most prominent part.

Joanne D. Lorence
Director
Office of Packaging and Transportation