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ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff

Subject: Interpretive Rule for Transfer of Very Low-Level Waste to Exempt Persons  
for Disposal (Docket ID NRC-2020-0065)

Dear Office of Administration Staff:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is requiring all staff to work remotely until further notice. This action will impact staff resources and ability to carry out certain agency functions in a timely manner. As a result, the TCEQ respectfully requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission extend the public comment period beyond the April 20, 2020 deadline on the above-referenced Transfer of Very Low-Level Waste to Exempt Persons for Disposal until such time when TCEQ returns to normal business operations. This extension is necessary in order to provide the TCEQ with sufficient opportunity to review the proposed interpretive rule and provide meaningful input. Your consideration is greatly appreciated during this period of uncertainty.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ashley Forbes at [ashley.forbes@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:ashley.forbes@tceq.texas.gov) or (512) 239-0493.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Toby Baker  
Executive Director

cc: Bobby Janecka, Commissioner, TCEQ  
Ashley Forbes, Director, Radioactive Materials Division, TCEQ  
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