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Docket Center (EPA/DC)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: **Request for Extension of Comment Period –for  
Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and  
Countermeasure Plan Requirements Docket No. EPA–HQ–OPA–2007–0584**

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Food Industry Environmental Council (FIEC) is a coalition of 60 national food trade associations and companies that together represent food facilities across the nation, contribute hundreds of billions of dollars in sales to the economy and employ approximately 1.5 million people.

FIEC applauds the work of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Emergency Management to craft amendments to the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Rule (SPCC), which addresses outstanding issues. Preparing comments on proposed changes to the rule is a challenge, however, requiring input on and consensus from over 60 trade associations and companies. Due the complexity of and the relatively short comment period on the amendments, we respectfully request a 60 day extension on docket No. EPA-HQ-OPA-2007-0584.

FIEC appreciates the agency's consideration of this request for extension of the comment period. If you have further question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted for FIEC,

Robert Garfield  
FIEC Chairman