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The following are comments from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), National Health Physics Program, on the draft policy statement for the protection of cesium-137 chloride sources.

VHA is a federal healthcare agency with a master materials license for the use of radioactive materials and has authority to approve VHA locations to use cesium-137 chloride sources.

VHA has significant experience in use of cesium-137 chloride sources and successful implementation of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission order for increased controls.

VHA reviewed the draft policy statement and does not have any comments or proposed changes to the statement.

The policies and focus for Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulatory oversight and actions appear appropriate.

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