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I am in favor of the proposed rule updating protective measures for special nuclear materials. The United States is world's largest producer of nuclear power. Reactors in the United States produce roughly 20% of the countries electricity. Aside from electricity, nuclear technology serves many other valuable purposes such as treating cancer, water desalination, and powering space exploration. Nuclear technology is a valuable asset that warrants heightened protection.

With all the benefits nuclear technology provides, it also poses significant risk to the population's health and safety. Nuclear plants may be the target of terrorist attack, suffer meltdown, and in general release radiation that may cause health concerns. Both the benefits and risks of nuclear technology require uniform and codified standards so that operators can ensure that their plants can continue to benefit society and at the same time minimize possible risk to society.

The proposed rule at issue does not appear to impose substantial burden on nuclear plants. Indeed, much of the proposed rule was previously enforced through prior agency orders. By codifying the rule, plants will no longer be subject to less consistent site-specific orders. The rule further reduces burdens on nuclear sites by because several security orders may be withdrawn in the event a final rule issues.

In conclusion, nuclear sites require substantial protective measures because of both the benefits they provide and the risks they present. Codifying security orders and increasing protective measures only ensures that nuclear sites can continue to develop societal benefits while maintaining the level of security required to keep the public and nuclear sites safe.