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OPENING REMARKS OF NRC CHAIRMAN GREGORY B. JACZKO AT TODAY'S BRIEFING ON PART 37 PROPOSED RULE

Good morning. The Commission meets today to discuss the Part 37 proposed rule, which concerns the physical protection of Category 1 and 2 quantities of radioactive material. This is a very important issue for the agency given that we unfortunately sometimes see overexposures in the materials area.

Building on our past experience, this important rule codifies the security Orders that were previously put in place after September 11, and also includes certain enhancements based on lessons learned from implementing the Orders. The public comment period closed this past January, and I look forward to today's discussion of the comments that we received. Even with the few outstanding issues left to resolve, I think it's important to note that overall this rule is a positive step forward. The development of this rule has benefited from extensive dialogue with our stakeholders, including the public, and I commend the staff for those efforts.

The Commission looks forward to hearing from the staff, as well as a broad range of stakeholders today. Before we begin with the stakeholder panel, would any of my fellow Commissioners like to make opening remarks?

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