FOREWORD

This is the *Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (PEIS), prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition. The document is composed of four volumes and a separate Summary. Changes made since the Draft PEIS are shown by change bar notation (vertical lines adjacent to the changes) in this Final PEIS for both text and tables. Deletion of one or more sentences is indicated by the phrase "Text deleted." in brackets. This Final PEIS includes the Preferred Alternative, which is a combination of alternatives. The Preferred Alternative is described in Section 1.6 and Chapter 2 of Volume I, and analyzed in Chapter 4 of Volume II. For all the alternatives, including the Preferred Alternative, a comparison of alternatives is presented in Section 2.5 of Volume I and a summary of impacts is presented in Section 4.6 of Volume II (Part B). Information from these sections is also presented in the Summary.

Volume I contains Chapters 1 through 3 of the PEIS. Chapter 1 includes a description of the history and background of the fissile materials disposition program, the purpose of and need for the proposed action, a summary of changes made to the Draft PEIS, and the Preferred Alternative. Chapter 2 gives a description of the proposed long-term storage and disposition alternatives, a description of how the alternatives were selected and why others were eliminated from further consideration, and a comparison of the alternatives in terms of their potential environmental impacts. Chapter 3 describes the affected environment at candidate long-term storage locations, and at sites and environmental settings for the disposition alternatives.

Volume II (Parts A and B) contains Chapters 4 through 10 of the PEIS. Chapter 4 describes the potential environmental impacts resulting from construction and operation of the proposed long-term storage and disposition alternatives, including the Preferred Alternative. Also contained in this chapter are intersite transportation impacts, a discussion of environmental justice issues, cumulative impacts due to the implementation of the proposed alternatives in addition to other actions at a site, avoided environmental impacts, and a summary of impacts. Chapter 5 provides a list of references used in the preparation of this document. Chapter 6 provides an index to the main text of the PEIS. Chapter 7 is a glossary of key terms used in the document. Chapter 8 is a list of preparers. Chapter 9 lists government agencies and organizations contacted during the preparation of this PEIS. Chapter 10 provides a distribution list for the document.

Volume III contains the appendices to this PEIS. Appendix A contains the fact sheet on the President's *Nonproliferation and Export Control Policy*, and the Joint Statement Between the United States and Russia on Nonproliferation. Appendix B provides specifications for key buildings within each facility complex analyzed in this PEIS. Appendix C describes requirements for construction and operation of the various facilities required to accomplish the storage and disposition activities essential to the alternatives described in this PEIS. Appendix D provides information on overall water usage for the storage and disposition facilities discussed in this PEIS. Appendix E gives a general overview of the Department of Energy (DOE) environmental restoration and waste management program, baseline waste management at DOE sites, and project-specific waste management activities associated with the proposed long-term storage and disposition alternatives. Appendix F provides detailed data supporting the air quality and noise analyses. Appendix G describes the methodology used for intersite transportation risk analysis and provides a summary of hazardous materials shipped to and from DOE sites, plus information on shipping containers. Appendix H evaluates various plutonium waste forms for potential disposal in a high-level waste repository. Appendix I describes operations of a Canadian Deuterium Uranium Reactor. Appendix J identifies the compliance requirements associated with the Proposed Action, as specified by the major Federal and State environmental, safety, and health statutes, regulations, and orders. Appendix K lists the scientific names of common nonthreatened and nonendangered animal and plant species identified in Chapters 3 and 4. Appendix L includes the supporting data used for assessing the No Action

Alternative in the socioeconomics sections of this PEIS. Appendix M presents detailed information on the potential health risks associated with releases of radioactivity and hazardous chemicals from the proposed storage and disposition alternatives during normal operations and from postulated accidents. Appendix N describes different concepts for, and provides cost and benefit information on, the multipurpose reactor. Appendix O provides a description of facilities and operations for a can-in-canister approach to plutonium immobilization at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina. Appendix P describes the potential environmental impacts of using the Manzano Weapons Storage Area in New Mexico for the long-term storage of plutonium pits. Appendix Q identifies the potential health impacts from the storage of Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site plutonium pits at the Pantex Plant in Texas. Appendix R discusses the aircraft crash and radioactive release probabilities for proposed storage and disposition facilities at Pantex Plant in Texas. A separate Classified Appendix was also prepared, which provides detailed analysis results for intersite transportation risks based on classified inventories of materials stored at DOE sites.

Volume IV (Parts A and B) is the Comment Response Document. It contains an overview of the public comment process, the comments received on the Draft PEIS during the public review period, and the DOE responses to those comments, including identifying changes made to the Draft PEIS in response to public comments.

The Summary provides a brief overview of the PEIS. It includes the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action, a description of the storage and disposition alternatives including the Preferred Alternative, and the potential environmental impacts resulting from these alternatives.