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- It is my intent this evening to speak briefly to each of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements, and reserve comments on the Pantex Site-Wide EIS until the June public meeting.

These documents are being addressed in this community as an economic and jobs issue. While the local economy is undeniably important, both of these PEIS drafts deal with issues that have national and international implications, ~~and they deserve to be considered in that light~~ Those implications involve national and international security; the involve decisions about nuclear waste that we have been unable to make decisions about for more than 50 years; and they involve introducing new technologies with a wide range of health, ~~and~~ safety and environmental risks They deserve to be considered in that light, read thoughtfully and carefully, and addressed with more than pep rallies about jobs.

The Stockpile Stewardship and Management PEIS, does not ~~[illegible]~~ adequately make a case for development of of more than $2.6 billion in new capital cost and $2 billion in development of a ~~[illegible]~~ new super computer. The reliability of US nuclear weapons has been tested over and overagain. The French just recently completed a series of tests designed to allow them to continue nuclear weapons development by simulated tests and computer

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the proposed new facilities and and believe they have any purpose other than continued weapons development.

The storage and disposition options provide us no good choices; reasonably so, because there are none. The emphasis on the spent fuel standard may leave us with a false sense of security – virtually every country which has developed nuclear weapons has done so from spent nuclear fuel. It may ~~[illegible]~~ provide some level of security from theft by terrorists, but the nuclear nations of the world themselves hold hostage each other and the non-nuclear nations.

We have for more than 50 years been unable to resolve the issue of what is to be done with spent nuclear fuel – producing pure of it, or other materials equally as toxic, is more problem, not solution –

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Comment noted. Most weapons produced in other countries used Pu from specialized reactors, not commercial reactors. The Spent Fuel Standard provides the most rapid path for converting Pu to a much more proliferation-resistant form. While the residual Pu could be recovered through the reprocessing of this form, it would be as difficult to retrieve as the Pu from the much larger inventory of spent fuel produced over many decades of commercial reactor operation.