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Re: Comment on Stockpile Stewardship and Management (SSM) and Storage and Disposition (S&D) of Weapons-Usable Fissile materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements (PEISs).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the U. S. Departments of Energy's (DOE) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements (PEISs) on Stockpile Stewardship and Management (SSM) and Storage and Disposition (S&D) of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials. Please also consider this my comment on the Pantex Site-Wide Draft Environmental Impact Statement, since most of the issues addressed in these documents are identical.

First and foremost, I maintain that any current and future functions at Pantex must be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Any expansion at Pantex must be implemented in a way that does not impair the health or safety of area residents or have an adverse affect on the environment. 1/09.00.04

Second, I maintain that the history of Pantex and the Texas Panhandle communities have been one of lower cost than other facilities, a safer and more environmentally sound operation and of overall strong community support for the operation.

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Potential environmental consequences of each Pantex alternative were analyzed in the PEIS. Results of these environmental analyses will be given full weight, along with other factors such as cost, technical risk, schedule, and national security requirements, in the process of selecting the storage strategy and site and disposition strategy and technology for the Fissile Materials Disposition Program. Pantex will continue to operate in compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations.

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Third, I further maintain that the movement of any existing functions from Pantex to other locations are not cost effective uses of our (yours and mine) tax dollars. The high cost of new facilities would far outweigh any other theorized savings that come from a facility with historically higher costs.

Finally, I maintain that if any movements of operations are to be considered, the operations that have provided safe, cost effective and productive performance over the years should receive additional work rather than having any work removed. Therefore, Pantex should be the natural location for expanded functions. Because of its performance record and its available facilities, Pantex should be the preferred location for any weapons work. 2/08.03.01

Sincerely,

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The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's support of Pantex. Decisions related to future missions at Pantex will be based upon environmental analyses, technical and economic studies, national policy considerations, and public input.