BREEDING, PAULA
PAGE 1 OF 2

I don't live by Pantex, but I do own land across from Pantex. I am considered an environmentalist ~~although~~ I have never hugged a tree in my life. I am very concerned about the water in our area. It looks like our City Fathers would be, since they are pumping our water from underneath Pantex, and it can hurt them as much as any one. However they bragged about drinking water at Rocky Flats, so I guess we can't expect much from them.

Some people try to dismiss as being tree huggers.

I don't want PU stored here. However we are doing it now, and I expect Pantex to be the dumping ground for PU. I am not a NMBE person. I don't want it here but I don't think someone else should have the problem. It is also too dangerous to transport. 1/08.03.01

We are asking for disaster if PU processing comes to Pantex. We will be another Rocky Flats, and probably worse.

There was an editorial in the paper today by a Pantex employee. He said in part "In the event that Pantex is chosen to do new types of work and a different mission, the work force will decide whether to proceed or not. All the approval from the DOE, the labs, Congress and the President himself will not persuade Pantexans to do

TX-058

08 03 01 **Comment Number 1**

The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's opposition to new missions at Pantex. Decisions on storage and disposition of weapons-usable fissile materials will be based upon environmental analyses, technical and economic studies, national policy considerations, and public input.

Waste/hazardous material treatment/handling operations are regulated to minimize the potential for releases of hazardous substances to the soil or surface water which could then migrate to the groundwater.

something we think should not be done". I guess that is one of the most naive statements I have ever heard. This might happen on private business but I don't think an employee could tell DOE what to do. By the time he finds out how things are and how dangerous they are, it will be much too late. He will also find out he can't make as money as he does at Pantex.

I hope we can find some way to dispose of PU that is not hazardous to our land, water, and air. If we do, then I guess miracles do happen.

TX-058