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I am concerned about the disposal and storage of nuclear wastes at a site within 30 miles of my home and directly over my water supply. We live in a area which is not served by a water supply provided by a municipality. We have our own well which is tapped directly into the Ogallala Aquifer. It is frightening to think that in a few years I may be drinking contaminated water without even knowing it. 1/09.04.04

Even if the possibility of contamination did not exist, the accelerated draining of the aquifer necessitated by the processing of nuclear wastes is a threat not only to agriculture, but to the quality of life in the Texas Panhandle. The aquifer is being drained at an alarming rate by irrigation of crops. We must find a way to use less water, not more.

Surely there is a site available which is not over an aquifer that supplies water to 8 food producing states. The Chamber of Commerce of Amarillo and the Department of Energy are using faulty logic to protect current jobs at the expense of our very survival in the future.

Please do not store surplus plutonium at Pantex. Please do not process plutonium at Pantex, and please do not store hazardous wastes at Pantex. 1/09.04.04 cont.

Sincerely,

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The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentator's concern about the Ogallala Aquifer. The PEIS assesses the impacts to the Ogallala Aquifer from the various alternatives, should such activities be located at Pantex. Waste/hazardous material treatment/handling operations are regulated to minimize the potential for releases of hazardous substances to the soil or surface water that could then migrate to the groundwater.