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Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
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Dear Sirs:

I oppose the use of the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for a permanent nuclear waste facility, particularly the processing of plutonium at this site. 1/08.03.01

The Pantex Plant has already contaminated perch water under and near its facility, and endangers neighbors who use the Ogallala ground water for irrigation. Drawing water from the area, as ground water wells do for the water in Amarillo, and for irrigation, draws water to those wells from the area. It will not be long before contaminated water shows up in Amarillo's water supply. We cannot afford to add the dangers of plutonium and permanent nuclear waste storage to this already present danger. The Ogallala is the only water available to the entire Texas Panhandle. When it is contaminated, the area will have to be abandoned. We cannot afford another Rocky Flats pollution disaster in this area. 2/09.04.04

Sincerely,

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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.

09 04 04 **Comment Number 2**

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.