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I strongly support the continuation of the high explosive function at the Pantex facility. I oppose any effort to move these functions to the national labs. Pantex is the most cost effective DOE facility and has an excellent track record in doing the high explosive functions.

- I believe that Pantex should be chosen as the location for fissile materials storage and disposition functions. Pantex already stores surplus plutonium and has a safety and security record that is unmatched in the DOE complex. When given fair budget consideration, strong local support and national security interest, Pantex is the ideal choice for this function of fissile materials storage and disposition. 1/08.03.01

QUESTIONS:

- Please explain why the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Los Alamos National Laboratory stockpile management budgets show projected increases from 1996 to 2004, since the U.S. has terminated development of nuclear weapons.
- Are these projected increases in the stockpile management at the two labs based on transferring of missions to them which have previously been done at the production plants?

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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.