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Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20585

Re: Pantex - No Plutonium

Dear Ms. O'Leary:

We are against the long-term storage and disposition of plutonium and highly enriched uranium at the Pantex Plant located at Amarillo, Texas.

We feel the storage of radioactive material at Pantex endangers the Oglalala Aquifer which is the "blood" that nourishes our nations's farm land. 1/08.03.01

I was exposed to radioactive material in Operation Crossroads (Bikini, 1946) and have since learned that NO amount of radiation is safe.

Please do not make Pantex a nuclear long-term storage facility.

Sincerely,

John W. Locke

Joyce C. Locke

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The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's opposition to new missions 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. 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.