I am Jim Murphy and I have been an Amarillo resident since 1977. I am active in a variety of community organizations and am on a number of boards including a local public school board.

I am here tonight to respectfully express an emphatic "No!" to any expansion or added roles at Pantex that include plutonium processing or nuclear waste storage. Although such expansion or new "missions" may have some positive economic benefits for the area, there would be economic risks as well. 1/08.03.01

At any rate, it is apparently necessary to occasionally reiterate that there are some things that money can't buy and some things in life that are more important than economic bottom lines.

I count amongst these things a safe and clean environment for our traditional agricultural and cattle-raising industries and ways of life, a clean aquifer and a safe and healthy environment for our children and grand children. Plutonium processing and/or nuclear waste storage are hostile and unfriendly to those environments and ways of life and not worth whatever the price may be.

The tantalizing apple of prosperity beckons; but when it is the fruit of the plutonium tree, we best look elsewhere.

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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.