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** The following is the text of the Author's Comment.

With regard to this PEIS, the SSMPEIS and the Pantex EIS:

1. Why, in identifying impacts, does DOE not identify significance of impacts, particularly "adverse" impacts?

2. During scoping for these documents agriculture and groundwater were identified as important issues to stakeholders. The documents do not identify any significant impacts to either. Because they were identified as issues, DOE should explicitly state there are no problems if that is its conclusion. Please take a position on the important issues! 1/09.00.08
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Based on comments received, reference to "adverse" impacts has been deleted from the Draft PEIS and Summary in order to describe impacts less subjectively. This is the same reason "significance" of impacts is not used. Environmental impact descriptions in the Final PEIS and Summary have been expanded and revised, and are generally described in quantifiable and semi-quantifiable terms.

In the PEIS, ground water is discussed under water resources in terms of impacts on both quantity and quality. Agriculture is evaluated in terms of land resources and human health risks from the ingestion of crops and animal products. For the construction and normal operation of the various proposed storage and disposition actions, including the Preferred Alternative, no major problems to ground water and agriculture were identified in the impact analyses conducted for the Final PEIS. Discussion on potential environmental impacts is presented in Chapter 4 of the Final PEIS. Those revisions made in the Final PEIS are also reflected in the Summary.