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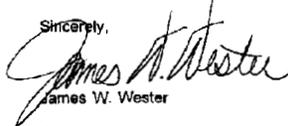
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a resident of Amarillo, Texas, I encourage you to choose the Amarillo Pantex plant as the location for the disassembly and conversion of nuclear weapons plutonium components.

While I was unable to attend your hearings in Amarillo on Tuesday, August 11, 1998, I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage you to select the Amarillo Pantex plant. I presume that you have information concerning the important role that Pantex plays in the Amarillo community. I hope you are also aware of the appreciation and support of local residents. Further, Pantex's track record in the handling of plutonium pits speaks for itself and makes it the natural and best choice for the project.

In conclusion, I would again urge you to select the Amarillo Pantex plant for the disassembly and conversion of nuclear weapons plutonium components.

Sincerely,



James W. Wester

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Re: PIT DISASSEMBLY AND CONVERSION FACILITY

Dear Sirs:

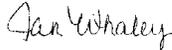
I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility to be located at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo.

As a taxpayer, I believe it only makes sense to locate the facility in close proximity to the pits. To me, it would be total nonsense to transport the pits to Savannah River when there is a facility here that could competently handle the project. Not only does it make economical sense, but from a safety standpoint it only makes sense to leave the pits in one location.

I believe the entire production and maintenance workforce (labor and management), which includes a world class security/protective force, is second to none. In my opinion, Pantexans have demonstrated that we are, without a doubt, the best in the entire DOE complex. Pantex operates within a stringent safety envelope, and has a safety record which speaks for itself. We currently house and store more than 10,000 plutonium pits and we have safely handled and worked with pits and other hazardous items for more than 45 years.

When you weigh all of the above factors and add to it the tremendous community support offered the Pantex Plant, I see no other logical conclusion. I trust that you will come to the same conclusion.

Sincerely,



Jan Whaley

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DOE acknowledges the commentor's support for siting the pit conversion facility at Pantex. Potential impacts from transportation of pits would likely be minor if Pantex were chosen as the site for pit disassembly and conversion because pits are currently stored there, while potential impacts from transportation of plutonium dioxide would likely be minor if SRS were chosen because SRS is the preferred location for the MOX facility. Transportation impacts are summarized in Chapter 4 of Volume I and Appendix L. As indicated in Section 2.18, no traffic fatalities from nonradiological accidents or LCFs from radiological exposures or vehicle emissions are expected. Decisions on the surplus plutonium disposition program at Pantex will be based on environmental analyses (including analyses of transportation risks), technical and cost reports, national policy and nonproliferation considerations, and public input. DOE will announce its decisions regarding facility siting and approach to surplus plutonium disposition in the SPD EIS ROD.

Yes, my name is Carolyn Wheeler. I live in Whitedeer, Texas, close to Pantex and I am very interested in seeing the work come to Pantex rather than Savannah River. I believe that Pantex could do it very safely and very efficiently. Thank you very much.

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DOE acknowledges the commentor's support for siting the proposed surplus plutonium disposition facilities at Pantex. Decisions on the surplus plutonium disposition program at Pantex will be based on environmental analyses, technical and cost reports, national policy and nonproliferation considerations, and public input. DOE will announce its decisions regarding facility siting and approach to surplus plutonium disposition in the SPD EIS ROD.

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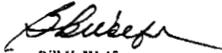
I support the disassembly and conversion of nuclear weapons plutonium pits at the Amarillo Pantex plant.

The work force of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle has exceptionally good work ethics. The productivity and safety records of our people is outstanding.

The fact that there is no major contamination at the Pantex plant speaks very highly of both the plant management and its work force. There is no reason to believe that conversion of the pits would cause any additional contamination here and every reason to believe it would make a bad situation worse at any of the other possible locations.

Most people in and around Amarillo also support Pantex and its missions completely.

Sincerely,



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DOE acknowledges the commentor's support for siting the pit conversion facility at Pantex. This SPD EIS analyzes impacts of the environment from construction and normal operation of the pit conversion facility. This facility would be located in a new building at either Pantex or SRS and, regardless of the site location, would generate the same level of contamination and require the same amount of D&D. Decisions on the surplus plutonium disposition program at Pantex will be based on environmental analyses, technical and cost reports, national policy and nonproliferation considerations, and public input. DOE will announce its decisions regarding facility siting and approach to surplus plutonium disposition in the SPDEIS ROD.

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

As President and General Manager of Wonderland Amusements, Inc., I wish to express my support for the disassembly and conversion of nuclear weapon "pits" here in Amarillo at the Pantex Plant.

We employ job-entry youth on a seasonal basis and have over 47 years experience with their work ethics and performance. As future employees to our service and manufacturing industries, we feel that this area has an excellent workforce that is responsible, sensible, ethically sound, and desirous to perform work that is necessary and beneficial. I think this workforce has been beneficial to Pantex as the past performance and safety record of the plant are very good.

I feel that we have the best location to do the necessary job. Why not disassemble, store, and re-manufacture in one location, rather than transport and potentially expose a greater area of our country? Our area has been a source of energy for many years. As new forms become available, we would like to continue to be a source for the future.

Just as I am continually involved in safety, I am aware and feel that the employees of Pantex want the same safe place to work and live as do our area residents.

Respectfully,

Paul D. Borchardt

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