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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components (DOE/EIS-0225). The Department's preferred alternative is to continue nuclear weapons operations at the Pantex Plant, located near

Amarillo, Texas; to implement projects and facility upgrades consistent with conducting these operations; and to increase the interim storage level for plutonium components (pits) from 12,000 to 20,000 pits. The Final EIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative and a Relocation of Interim Pit Storage Alternative.

ADDRESSES: Written requests for copies of the Final EIS should be directed to: Ms. Nanette Founds, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400. Written requests can also be submitted via fax at (505) 845-6392, with facsimiles marked: Pantex Plant EIS. Requests for this EIS may also be submitted by calling (505) 845-4351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on this EIS, please contact: Ms. Nanette Founds at the above address or by calling (505) 845-4212. For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585, 202-586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pantex Plant, near Amarillo, Texas, is the Nation's nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly site. Its missions also include the fabrication of high explosive components and the maintenance, modification and evaluation of existing nuclear weapons. However, its current workload is centered on the dismantlement of nuclear weapons that are retired from the military stockpile. There are currently no plans for producing new weapons. The preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS is to maintain the Pantex Plant's assigned missions as well as increase the plant's onsite interim storage level from 12,000 to 20,000 pits. The Final EIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative, which would continue current activities with no new projects or facility upgrades and continue to limit onsite interim storage to 12,000 pits; and a Relocation of Pit Storage Alternative, in which some or all of Pantex interim storage activities would be relocated to one or more of four alternate sites: the Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina; the Nevada Test Site near Las Vegas, Nevada; the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington; and the Manzano Weapons Storage Area at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This Final EIS incorporates comments received during the public comment period from April 5, 1996, through July 12, 1996 (61 FR 15232, April 5, 1996; 61 FR 18726, April 29, 1996). Copies of all comments and associated EIS documentation prepared by DOE are available for inspection at the following locations:

U.S. Department of Energy Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-6020

U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Operations Office Public Reading Room, 2753 S. Highland Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109, 702-295-1274
U.S. Department of Energy Technical Vocational Institute, Public Document Collection, 525 Buena Vista, SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106, 505-224-3281/3292

Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Reading Room, Museum Parke Office Complex, 1450 Central Avenue, Suite 101 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, 505-665-2127 or 1-800-543-2342

U.S. Department of Energy Public Document Room, 2nd Floor, University Library, University of South Carolina, Aiken Campus, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, South Carolina 29801, 803-648-6851

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Oak Ridge Public Reading Room, 55 Jefferson Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830, 615-576-0887

U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, Reference Department, Lyn Library and Learning Center, Amarillo College, 2201 South Washington, 4th Floor Amarillo, Texas 79109, 806-371-5400
Pantex EIS Public Information Center, c/o Tetra Tech, Inc., 6900 I-40 West, Suite 260, Amarillo, Texas, 806-355-9480

U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, P.O. Box 339, Panhandle, Texas 79068, 806-537-3742

U.S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, Washington State University, 100 Sprout Road, Richland, Washington, 99352, 509-376-8583

DOE intends to issue a Record of Decision at least 30 days after the date of the Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability and will publish it in the Federal Register.

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