

DOE/NNSA PRODUCTION OFFICE INVITES COMMENTS ON DRAFT  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE HIGH EXPLOSIVE SCIENCE &  
ENGINEERING FACILITY

The Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office (DOE/NPO) proposes to design, construct, operate, and maintain a High Explosive Science & Engineering Facility (HE S&E) on Pantex federal property using federal funding. The HE S&E facility would provide a modernized capability-based infrastructure at the Pantex Plant needed to ensure safe, secure, sustainable and cost-effective operations in support of scientific and manufacturing activities. When completed, the HE S&E would serve as the scientific and engineering hub supporting all High Explosive Center of Excellence activities and technology development activities at the Pantex Plant.

The public is invited to review and comment on a draft Environmental Assessment that has been prepared to analyze potential environmental consequences of the proposed project. The NPO has prepared the draft Environmental Assessment in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Department of Energy regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (10CFR1021). Requests for copies should be mailed to: Draft Environmental Assessment, Mr. Steven Wyatt, NPO Public Affairs Manager, U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA), P. O. Box 2050, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. Requests may also be made by telephone to Mr. Wyatt at (865) 576-9918 or by fax at (865) 576-1237 or by e-mail to: [Steven.Wyatt@npo.doe.gov](mailto:Steven.Wyatt@npo.doe.gov).

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment are available for public viewing at the following Department of Energy Information Repositories:

U.S. Department of Energy Information Repository, Amarillo Public Library, Central Branch, 413 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Amarillo, Texas (806) 378-3054

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All comments on the draft Environmental Assessment should be submitted in writing by September 21, 2015 to Mr. Wyatt at the address, fax number, or e-mail listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DOE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS:** Information on Department of Energy National Environmental Policy Act compliance and implementation is available from: The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119 or leave a message on their toll-free number: 1-800-472-2756; fax to: 202-586-7031; or e-mail them to: [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov).