

PANTEXPLANT

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Pantex Resolves Response to Morning Situation

- Pantex Plant has resolved the issues that resulted in a potential situation.
- While these proactive measures impacted Plant operations, all actions taken were in accordance with policies and procedures. Pantex is one of the most secure sites in the country. Plant protocol dictates these measures in order to evaluate the situation and keep the Plant employees and public safe. The actions that were taken were appropriate as a precaution for this event.

Public Information

Public information for this event is currently being coordinated by the Pantex Public Affairs Organization, which will release additional information as it becomes available. Public Affairs will notify the media regarding scheduling interviews and/or news conferences.

Background Information

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Pantex Plant is the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility. Located about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, Texas, the facility is managed and operated by B&W Pantex. Pantex's missions include assembly and disassembly of nuclear weapons; maintenance, modification and evaluation of nuclear weapons; interim storage of plutonium pits from dismantled nuclear weapons; and fabrication of high explosive components for nuclear weapons. More information about Pantex is available on the web at www.pantex.com.

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