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## ***NNSA Names Pantexan Safety Professional of the Year***

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced that Wayburn “Scott” Wilson, manager of radiation safety for B&W Pantex, was named as a recipient of the 2009 NNSA Management & Operating (M&O) Contractor Safety Professional of the Year. This award recognizes Wilson’s distinguished service and outstanding safety related achievements and contributions that serve to accomplish the NNSA mission.

Wilson received the award for developing and implementing an innovative plan for the recovery of scrap metal from the Pantex plant, allowing for the eventual release of the affected metal in accordance with the Secretarial Moratorium initiated in 2000. With strong support from the Pantex Site Office and B&W Pantex senior management, Wilson’s leadership was instrumental in bringing Pantex into compliance with the Secretary’s Waste Reduction Goals by promoting reuse and recycling rather than disposal of the scrap metal as a waste. A long-term benefit was that any new suspension-impacted scrap metals would be identified, controlled and ultimately reduced prior to becoming a part of a scrap metal pile.

Greg Meyer, B&W Pantex President and General Manager, said, “We are extremely proud of Scott and the work he performs at Pantex. Scott recognized the need to remove scrap metal from the site and developed a plan that allowed the metal to be recycled instead of wasted. He also included an on-going scrap metal recycling process so that this effort will continue.”

Wilson said he is “extremely honored” to receive this award.

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B&W Pantex manages and operates the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration with oversight from the Pantex Site Office.