

Pantex INFO

Community Outreach and Public Information

The Department of Energy's Pantex Site Office and B&W Pantex maintain strong relationships with the communities surrounding Pantex Plant. Outreach and involvement activities improve the area and help residents stay informed about Pantex events.

Community Outreach

Pantex Plant has been involved in community activities since the Plant began its Christmas Card project more than 50 years ago. Today, B&W Pantex sponsors a wide variety of community and educational projects in a number of areas:

- Initiated an Engineering Graduate Studies Program in collaboration with Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University and the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation.
 - Established a \$300,000 Technical Studies Scholarship program to encourage students to pursue college degrees in technical fields. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 2002.
 - Participates in several local programs targeting minority and disadvantaged students, including mentoring, scholarships, career days and science fairs.
 - Participates in classroom presentations, career fairs, and science activities for students throughout the Panhandle area.
 - Every other year since 1969, employee volunteers spend three weekends teaching Boy and Girl Scouts about radiation. At the end of the program, these scouts earn the Nuclear Science Merit Badge.
 - Teams of students from middle schools and high schools travel to West Texas A&M University every year to compete in the Pantex Plant Science Bowl.
 - Pledges from B&W Pantex and its employees total more than \$500,000 to the Amarillo United Way every year since 2004.
 - B&W Pantex and employees contributed funds to build four *Habitat for Humanity* homes.
- B&W Pantex is a corporate sponsor of *America's Promise*, a nationwide program started by General Colin Powell to address the needs of the youth of our community. In recognition of *America's Promise*, B&W Pantex joins other corporations in sponsoring an annual back-to-school event, KidsFest, where disadvantaged students are given free school supplies.
 - The Pantex Christmas Project provides gifts, clothing and a week's worth of food to families having difficulty during the holiday season. Annually, the project touches more than 30 families and 100 children. Employee volunteers and B&W Pantex work together to raise funds and provide labor and supplies for numerous non-profit organizations.

Public Information

B&W Pantex has a responsibility to work closely with area citizens to keep them informed about Plant activities that have an impact on the community. In addition to public meetings, various other programs help keep the public informed.

- Ongoing relationship with neighboring landowners through one-on-one visits, public meetings and occasional social events.
- Plant management involvement in the activities of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and many other community groups.
- Ongoing interaction with local interest groups such as Panhandle Area Neighbors and Landowners and other interested stakeholders.
- Strong relationships are maintained with local officials in nearby cities and counties. Open communication lines have been established with local health officers, water districts, emergency responders and planning commissions.

The Pantex Reading Rooms at the Amarillo Public Library's Central Branch and Carson County Library in Panhandle provide technical reports about plant environmental activities.

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