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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR PANTEX DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

A public hearing originally set for May 2, 1996, in Richland, Washington, has been postponed to May 23, 1996. The hearing concerns the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continued Operation of the Pantex (Texas) Plant and Associated Storage of Weapons Components. The DOE also has extended the EIS public comment period to July 12, 1996.

Most of the Pantex mission now involves the disassembly of nuclear weapons. In addition to analyzing the continuation of those operations at Pantex, DOE is also analyzing the environmental impacts of the transfer of some or all of the weapons' plutonium components to other DOE sites as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. Hanford, in southeastern Washington, is among the sites.

The May 23 hearing will be at the Hanford House Red Lion Inn, 802 George Washington Way, in Richland, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Requests for copies of information on the draft Pantex EIS, as well as written comments, should be directed to:

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