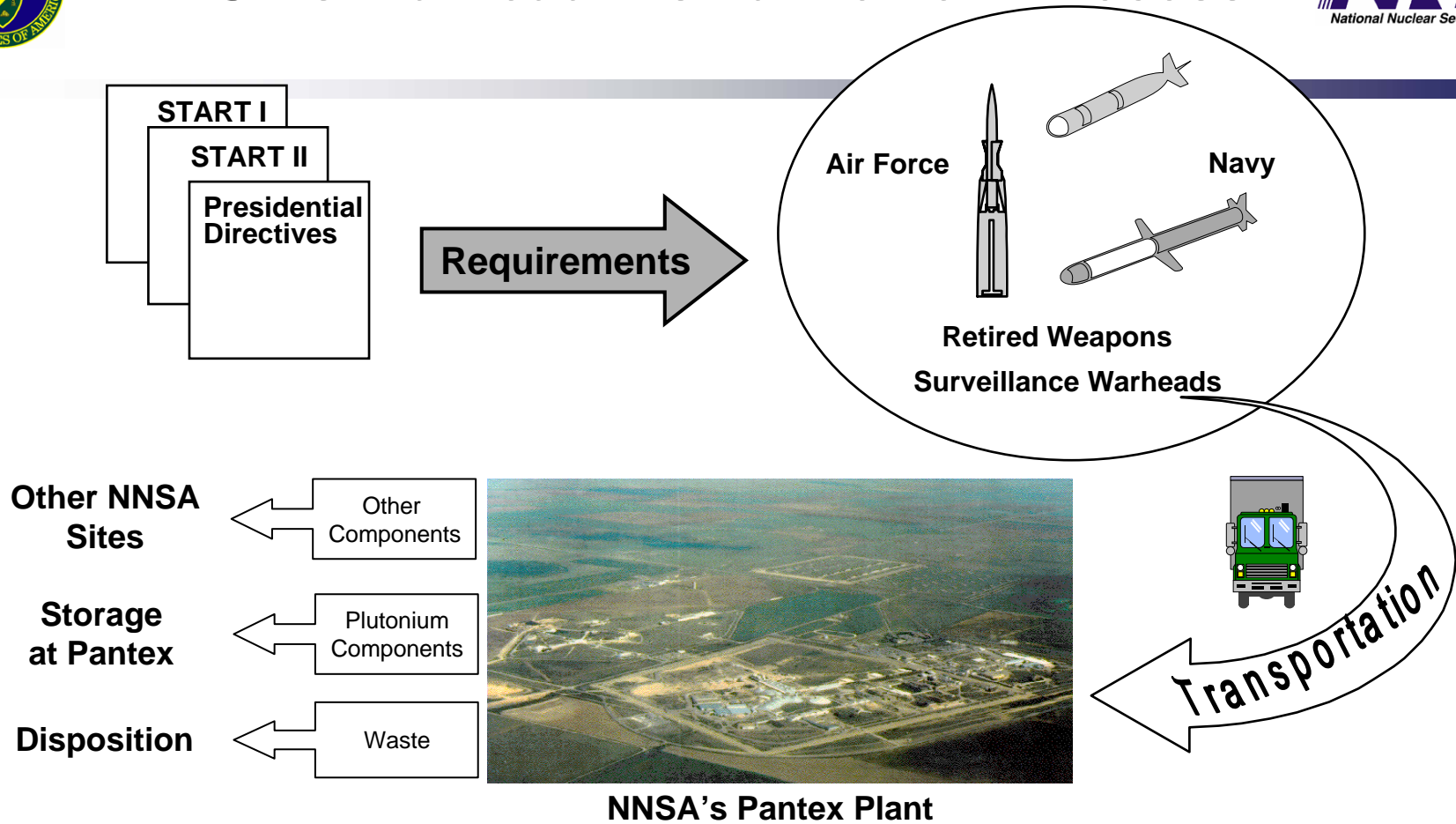




NNSA's Warhead Dismantlement Process



4-Step Dismantlement Process:

1. **Retirement:** Paperwork to remove warhead from active or inactive status within stockpile.
2. **Return & Storage:** Transportation to Pantex and temporary storage.
3. **Disassembly:** Physical separation of high explosive from special nuclear material.
4. **Disposition:** Evaluation, reuse, demilitarization, sanitization, recycle, and ultimate disposal.