



**Amarillo College**

March 7, 2013

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Board Members:

As you know, the U.S. Department of Energy / National Nuclear Security Administration's Pantex Plant and its workers have long been a vital part of the Texas Panhandle community, and its mission remains critical to the safety and security of our nation.

While I am unable to attend the public hearing and meeting, I would like to share my thoughts on the Pantex facility and Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Pantex, LLC (B&W Pantex), which has managed and operated the Pantex Plant for more than a decade.

B&W Pantex is the third largest employer in Amarillo and has maintained a standard of excellence at the site. B&W Pantex and its more than 3,000 employees are considered vital contributors to our community and economy and are engaged in the community through such activities as volunteerism, charitable giving, and partnering in support of educational programming.

During B&W Pantex's tenure, the company has proven to be a trusted contractor that has safely and reliably executed and exceeded its mission of maintaining the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile.

B&W Pantex has set the standard throughout NNSA for safety and security. B&W Pantex management, through public meetings, one-on-one visits and other interaction, has kept the community informed of plant activities, instilling a high degree of trust in the day-to-day operations at B&W Pantex.

I am confident that B&W Pantex will continue to make safety its highest priority.

Sincerely,

Paul Matney, Ed.D.  
President