

## **Official Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment**

### **U.S. Department of Energy/ National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office Pantex Plant**

Through proposed action evaluation, as required under Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1021 (10 CFR 1021), the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office (DOE/NNSA/NPO) has determined that an environmental assessment (EA) is required for the proposed Construction Landfill Expansion Project at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas.

NPO proposes to expand the existing onsite construction landfill through the incorporation of additional acreage to the west. This extra acreage is needed because the existing construction landfill is anticipated to be out of available space within the next several years. The anticipated size of the expansion would be approximately 28 acres. Activities required to expand the construction landfill would include the installation of a fence for access control and safety, deed recordation of the additional acreage, and notification to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of the new deed recorded area. Actual use of the expanded area would involve the excavation of new cells for disposal of non-hazardous waste, primarily construction debris and soils. Once cells are utilized to capacity, a final top soil cover would be applied as required and seeded for erosion control.

NPO will prepare an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the DOE regulations for implementing NEPA (10 CFR 1021). Based on the analysis in the EA, NPO will either prepare a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and proceed with the action, or prepare an environmental impact statement if the EA reveals the potential for significant adverse environmental impact. A Notice of Availability of the Pre-Approval EA will be advertised so that stakeholders and interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on the EA.

Comments/Input related to this Notice of Intent should be sent by November 9, 2015 to: Environmental Assessment Notice of Intent, Mr. Steven Wyatt, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA), NNSA Production Office (NPO), PO Box 2050, Oak Ridge, TN 37831 or by E-mail at [Steven.Wyatt@npo.doe.gov](mailto:Steven.Wyatt@npo.doe.gov). For information on this proposed action, Mr. Wyatt may be contacted by means listed above or by telephone at (865) 576-9918 or fax (865) 576-1237.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DOE NEPA PROCESS:** Information on general DOE NEPA-related information is available from: The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119 or leave a message on the toll-free number: 1-800-472-2756; fax: 202-586-7031; or e-mail the Webmaster at: [denise.freeman@eh.doe.gov](mailto:denise.freeman@eh.doe.gov).