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B&W Pantex Achieves Safety Milestone *Five million worker hours celebration set for Tuesday*

B&W Pantex is celebrating a significant safety milestone this month, surpassing five million man hours worked without a lost time injury. Pantex leadership will be holding a plant-wide barbecue lunch Tuesday to celebrate the achievement.

“Safety is integrated into every action we take at Pantex,” said B&W Pantex General Manager John Woolery. “This achievement validates what we know about Pantexans – that they are dedicated to performing their duties in a safe, secure and high-quality environment.”

The safety culture that has been developed at Pantex starts at the worker level, where every employee is empowered to stop work immediately if they spot a safety issue. Safety considerations are integrated into all procedures and are propagated throughout the plant through a variety of employee-driven safety committees and organizations on which Pantexans volunteer to serve.

Over 100 members of the safety committees have volunteered to serve lunch to all employees on the plant site Tuesday at multiple locations. Additional meals will be delivered to other shifts in the following days to ensure that every Pantexan has an opportunity to eat a hot meal in recognition of their dedication to working safely.

The Pantex safety program has been recognized with numerous awards, most notably Superior Star Status in the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program.

“The awards and milestones are significant, but the real reward for our safety effort comes when our employees go home every day just as healthy as they were when they arrived,” said Bill Mairson, manager of the Environment, Safety and Health Division.

B&W Pantex manages and operates the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. B&W Pantex is also the proud recipient of the DOE's Voluntary Protection Program STAR status for safety excellence. The company was also named one of America's safest companies by Occupational Hazards magazine and has received numerous awards from the National Safety Council.