

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

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None.

Dated: January 21, 1997.

John T. Conway,  
Chairman.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES AND TIME:** February 12, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Karelis, Director, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone: (202) 708-5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (National Board) is established under Section 1003 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1135a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants submitted to the Fund.

On February 12, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Board will meet in open session. The proposed agenda for the open portion of the meeting will include a review of FIPSE's operating principles, the revision of FIPSE's Comprehensive Program guidelines, an overview of the Comprehensive

Program, the North American Mobility in Higher Education, the European Community/United States of America Joint Consortia for Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education Program, and an orientation for new Board members.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

David A. Longanecker,

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Record of Decision: Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy is issuing this Record of Decision for the continued operation of the Pantex Plant and associated storage of nuclear weapon components. This Record of Decision is based on the information, analysis, and public comment contained in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components* (Pantex Plant EIS) (DOE/EIS-0225, November 1996). The Department has decided to implement the preferred alternative by: (1) Continuing nuclear weapon operations involving assembly and disassembly of nuclear weapons at the Pantex Plant; (2) implementing facility projects, including upgrades and construction consistent with conducting these operations; and (3) continuing to provide interim pit storage at the Pantex Plant and increasing the storage level from 12,000 to 20,000 pits.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on or copies of the Pantex Plant EIS or other information related to this Record of Decision, please call 505-845-4351 or write to: Ms. Nanette D. Founds, Pantex Plant EIS Project Manager, EIS Project Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87175-5400.

For information on the Department's National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy has prepared this Record of Decision pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the Department's NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR Part 1021). This Record of Decision is based on the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components* (DOE/EIS-0225, November 1996), hereafter referred to as the Pantex Plant EIS, and other factors.

**Background**

Until 1989, Pantex Plant activities were closely coupled with operations at the Rocky Flats Plant, now the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, near Denver, Colorado. Two of the Rocky Flats Plant's primary missions were: (1) The manufacture of plutonium components (pits) which were eventually transported to the Pantex Plant for final assembly into nuclear weapons, and (2) receipt of pits from the Pantex Plant from disassembled weapons for recovery, reprocessing, and fabrication of the special nuclear material into new pits. In December 1989, plutonium processing and pit fabrication operations at the Rocky Flats Plant were curtailed by the Department of Energy pending resolution of safety and environmental issues. The Pantex Plant continued to disassemble weapons, but shipments of pits from dismantled weapons between Pantex and Rocky Flats were suspended. The pits from those weapons were staged in Zone 4 at the Pantex Plant for later shipment to Rocky Flats. The Department had anticipated that shipments of pits to the Rocky Flats Plant would be reinitiated when processing activities in support of new weapons programs were resumed. Efforts to restart plutonium processing operations continued until January 1992, when they were terminated by the Department because of reduced requirements for nuclear weapons production in support of the national defense.

Because pit transfers were suspended, the Department prepared the *Environmental Assessment for Interim Storage of Plutonium Components at*