

Kenny Steward

Quality Division Director

Kenny Steward serves as the Quality Assurance division director for PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC, the management and operating contractor for the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas. He joined Pantex in 2009.

In this role, Steward is responsible for leading the Quality, Organizational Development and Training, and Institutional Performance Assurance organizations in supporting assembly and delivery of the nuclear deterrent.



Steward began his career at Pantex as a chemical technician performing chemical analyses of weapon support materials and high explosives. Since then, he has held several positions at Pantex, including deputy site manager. In this role, he was responsible for supporting site leadership while identifying and implementing efficiency and improvements to production throughout. Additionally, he was responsible for integrating production and business management to support the Pantex nuclear deterrent mission. During his tenure, Pantex received two of the highest performance ratings in the last 12 years.

Throughout his career, Steward has gained diversified knowledge of Pantex, its operations, and its importance in the Nuclear Security Enterprise. He served as the executive action officer responsible for coordinating a broad portfolio of efforts, including implementation of the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force guidance and COVID-19 workplace safety protocols. He was the deputy transition manager and the Pantex site lead for contract transition. He served as the acting Environment, Safety, and Health senior director from November 2020 to May 2021. Prior to this role, he was the Pantex Quality operations director. Steward has served as a manager in Supply Chain Management and Program Management at Pantex.

Steward is one of the founding members of Infinity, Pantex's servant leadership affinity group. Steward represents Pantex in the local community through a variety of volunteer opportunities including United Way of Amarillo, Amarillo Independent School District, and Pantex-sponsored events such as the U.S. Department of Energy Science Bowl.

Steward earned a Bachelor of Science in Composite Science from Wayland Baptist University, Texas.