



1942 – Pantex is the last of 14 bomb-loading plants constructed during WWII. Produced 250- and 500-pound bombs during WWII. Peak employment 5,254 (more than 50% female)

1945 – WWII ends; Pantex closed

1947 – Texas Technological College established agricultural research farm at Pantex site

1951 – Pantex recaptured by the Atomic Energy Commission and refurbished to perform for nuclear weapons work

1956 – New weapons designs and facility designs come to Pantex operations

1960 – Pantex adds new high explosives mission

1965 – Surveillance mission begins

1991 – Disassembly mission accelerates

Pantex Plant is charged with securing America by providing the nation's nuclear deterrent and is managed and operated on behalf of the United States Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA). Daily operations involve work with nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, plutonium pit storage, high explosives, engineering, safety, security, facilities management, quality, environmental protection, and general administration.



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PHOTOGRAPH

DESCRIPTIONS

- 1) **September 15, 1942** - Pantexan Vol. 1 No. 1
- 2) **April 15, 1943** - Pantexan Vol. 1 No. 15
- 3) **January 26, 1944** - Fuze and Booster Assembly, Building 10-14, Zone 10
- 4) **October 16, 1963** - Fallout Shelter
- 5) **July 9, 1963** - Laundry Facility
- 6) **May 17, 1967** - Chemistry Laboratory
- 7) **July 2, 1976** - Security Police Officers (SPO)
- 8) **September 30, 1976** - Environmental Monitoring
- 9) **1985** - Development Chemistry Laboratory
- 10) **Circa 1996** - Production Technicians and Engineer
- 11) **June 23, 2020** - Fire Equipment Testing
- 12) **1955** - Safety Award
- 13) **1955** - Safety Plan Awards
- 14) **1962** - Six Million Safe Hours
- 15) **November 1, 1962** - Medical Services
- 16) **November 1, 1962** - Security Command
- 17) **November 1, 1962** - John C. Drummond having his badge checked
- 18) **October 17, 1963** - SPO Training
- 19) **October 5, 1966** - SPO Safety Equipment
- 20) **October 5, 1966** - Fire Department Safety Equipment
- 21) **1968** - Fire Truck
- 22) **June 17, 1975** - Local visiting law enforcement inside the V150 Armored Personnel Carrier
- 23) **July 19, 1988** - Security Special Weapons & Tactics
- 24) **July 12, 2017** - East Gate Badge Check
- 25) **October 9, 2019** - Radiation Safety Exercise
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- 27) **1959** - Christmas Card Committee
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- 29) **1960** - Amarillo United Fund
- 30) **1970** - Area Leaders visit Pantex
- 31) **1982** - Community Outreach Activities
- 32) **October 1985** - Atomic Energy Merit Badge Month
- 33) **1973** - United Way Awards
- 34) **1985** - Christmas Card Committee
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- 37) **Circa 2000** - Regional Science Bowl
- 38) **October 28, 2019** - Window on a Wider World Nitrogen Demo at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
- 39) **October 16, 1963** - Fallout Shelter
- 40) **July 9, 1964** - Laundry Facility

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- 42) **April 2, 1965** - Payroll Employees
- 43) **October 5, 1966** - Safety Equipment
- 44) **May 22, 1969** - Storm Damage
- 45) **May 6, 1968** - Mechanical Engineering Drafting
- 46) **February 2, 1973** - A Party for Linell Carter
- 47) **April 16, 1982** - Inside Weapons Train
- 48) **July 26, 1982** - Summer Interns
- 49) **July 26, 1982** - Summer Interns
- 50) **1985** - TSSX G35 Engine
- 51) **April 2, 1965** - Building 11-1 Construction
- 52) **May 17, 1963** - Elmes Press
- 53) **March 20, 1968** - Surveying
- 54) **1985** - Building 12-103 Construction
- 55) **1985** - Buildings 12-5 & 12-68 Construction
- 56) **1985** - Buildings 12-5 & 12-68 Construction
- 57) **February 13, 1989** - Building 12-63A Construction
- 58) **September 15, 1989** - Railcar Crane
- 59) **August 23, 2019** - Road Construction
- 60) **June 24, 1983** - B83-O Group
- 61) **1985** - B57 Group
- 62) **1985** - W55 Group
- 63) **November 21, 1985** - Office of Secure Transportation Escort Vehicle
- 64) **1985** - Photographer
- 65) **April 11, 1988** - Development Capabilities
- 66) **March 17, 1963** - Metrology Laboratory
- 67) **March 17, 1963** - Metrology Laboratory
- 68) **April 5, 1966** - Explosives Demonstration
- 69) **May 17, 1967** - Chemistry Laboratory
- 70) **March 20, 1968** - 20-Inch Press
- 71) **1976** - Photographic Lab
- 72) **1985** - Firing Site
- 73) **January 15, 2019** - High Explosives Powder in Liner
- 74) **January 15, 2019** - High Explosives Pressing Facility First Pressing
- 75) **April 15, 2010** - Production Technicians Removing Tail of B53
- 76) **April 10, 2014** - Production Technicians Removing a Canned Subassembly from B53
- 77) **January 28, 2015** - B61 Joint Test Assembly
- 78) **July 19, 1988** - Firing Site Camera
- 79) **August 30, 1989** - Monitoring Wells
- 80) **1991** - 12-4 Steam Plant

* Weapon outlines are half-scale to actual size.

