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To Interested Parties:

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Final Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Y-12 National Security Complex (DOE/EIS-0309). The NNSA, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy, is responsible for maintaining the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. As one of the major production facilities, the Y-12 National Security Complex has been the primary site for enriched uranium processing and storage, and one of the manufacturing facilities for maintaining the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. DOE has prepared the Final Y-12 SWEIS to evaluate alternatives for modernizing Y-12 facilities to ensure its capability to meet future stockpile needs in the post-Cold War era. The Y-12 Final SWEIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with continued operations of the Y-12 National Security Complex, as well as the construction and operation of new facilities for two of Y-12's missions, Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Storage mission and Special Materials mission. The preferred alternative is to construct a new Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Storage Facility and a new Special Materials Complex. The preferred site for the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility is Site A (West Portal Parking Lot). The northwest of building 9114.

Details on this preferred alternatives can be found in the Summary and in Chapter 3 of the Y-12 SWEIS. A Record of Decision will follow in September 2001.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's activities.

Sincerely,

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