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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the Y-12 Draft SWEIS. We were unable to attend the public hearings, so appreciate being able to comment in writing.

Our concerns regarding the proposed changes at Y-12 remain unchanged. We do not see how the continued operation of this facility with its current and proposed missions is in any way compatible with the preservation of the local, regional or global environment. Our nation and its political leaders have a moral and political obligation to build down our nuclear arsenal, moving towards nuclear disarmament as a real foreign policy goal. The modernization of Y-12 is totally incompatible with this goal. 1/16

The only environmentally sound mission for Y-12 is the clean up of the toxic materials in East Tennessee due to Y-12's previous activities. We strongly support Y-12 and its workforce in this mission. 2/12

Sincerely,

Richard & Lucy Henighan

**Comment No. 1** **Issue Code: 16**

Comment noted. DOE does not set foreign policy goals. As the commentor notes, this is the responsibility of the Nation's political leaders. The commentor should write the President or Congress on matters concerning nuclear disarmament and foreign policy. The actions at Y-12 emphasize downsizing the site based on reduced nuclear weapons stockpile requirements, dismantling weapons, safety and cost effectiveness. The Y-12 SWEIS includes the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental consequences of the continued operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex, and the construction and operation of new facilities for the HEU Storage and Special Materials missions at Y-12. The proposed action is not expected to have any impacts upon the nuclear weapons endeavors of other nations; would not violate or impact any international treaties or agreements; would not impact ongoing negotiations to further reduce nuclear weapons stockpiles; and would not promote nuclear proliferation.

**Comment No. 2** **Issue Code: 12**

DOE recognizes that it has facilities which require some level of environmental cleanup. Most of the facilities at Y-12 were designed and constructed in the 1940s and 1950s, prior to today's environmental requirements when the understanding of waste management principles was not what it is today. Over the past several years, DOE has had a very aggressive facility upgrade and clean-up program and has worked with EPA, the states, stakeholders, and the general public to clean up its facilities to acceptable levels. To date, DOE has completed numerous clean-up activities and is aggressively working toward the cleanup of its remaining environmental problems at ORR. Actions taken to continue Y-12 weapons support missions, and construction and operation of new facilities for the HEU Materials and Special Materials missions at Y-12 would not be inconsistent with nor impact these ongoing clean-up activities.