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US Department of Energy
Oak Ridge Operations Office
Att: Gary Hartman
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan for a new "National Security Complex" in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The Environmental Impact Statement indicates that the Department of Energy has broken up its plan ostensibly to minimize the environmental impact - but that is simply misleading the public about the impact of future plans.

I am among the millions of ordinary citizens who are saying a strong "NO!" to further plans for building bombs, and arming space. We have already badly messed up our earthly living space - soiled our own nest, so to speak, so that it is no longer livable. We are killing off our own people through our blatant use of nuclear materials and war accessories so that the land is no longer fertile, the water and air are no longer pure, but are poisoned more and more with each passing day. Citizens are tired of the war machine, and the defense against other people, our brothers and sisters, who want nothing more than a peaceful existence.

We say a strong "NO!" to a new bomb plant at Oak Ridge.

Sincerely,


Helene R. Hill

Comment No. 1

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Comment noted. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new nuclear weapons or to increase the size of the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. One of the purposes of the proposed action and alternatives outlined in the Y-12 SWEIS is to vacate aged buildings at Y-12 and construct specific new modern facilities to ensure that Y-12 continues to play an integral role in support of the Nation's nuclear defense. Modernization of Y-12 is seen as necessary in order to maximize attainment of worker and public health and safety as well as efficiency and cost effectiveness.

While future arms control reductions may change requirements for maintaining the weapons stockpile, DOE is responsible for meeting the current requirements set forth by the President and Congress. The need for nuclear weapons and how many weapons the United States maintains as a nuclear deterrent are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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CEQ's regulations are directed at avoiding improper segmentation, and the Y-12 SWEIS was prepared in accordance with CEQ regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The proposed action and alternatives in the Y-12 SWEIS are independent of other potential future actions at Y-12. Any future proposals would be the subject of separate NEPA reviews if and when it is decided to move forward with specific actions.