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Hartman, Gary S

From: Thomas McDonough [tmcdonou@peoplepc.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 5:32 PM  
To: Y12EIS

Dear Mr. Hartman,

As a concerned American citizen, I was alarmed to find out recently that the Dept. of Energy plans to build a new bomb making plant in Tennessee. In an age in which efforts to reduce nuclear weapons have been highly successful, why would we want to continue to produce these deadly and morally questionable bombs? Now is the time for the United States of America to push for further reductions in nuclear arsenals NOT begin to build more of these world threatening weapons. I urge you and President Bush to reconsider this plan. And I will be forwarding information about this issue to as many concerned American citizens as possible. This is not an appropriate use of our tax money. As a taxpayer, I urge you to cancel plans for the Dept. of Energy plant in TN and use the money saved for more constructive, peaceful development of our energy resources. Security - both U.S. and world - may depend on whether you follow through with your plan. Unfortunately, the world and U.S. will be less secure if you build this plant. Please reconsider and cancel this dangerous plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Comment noted. There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant, new nuclear weapons or to increase capabilities at Y-12 to manufacture more weapons. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of its nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing its deployed nuclear weapons stockpile, consistent with the terms of START I and START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities. While future arms control reduction 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 the issue of how many nuclear weapons the United States maintains as a nuclear deterrent are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.