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**Knoxville, TN**  
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County Executive  
Thomas Schumpert



January 8, 2001

Mr. Gary S. Hartman  
U. S. Department of Energy  
Oak Ridge Operations Office  
P. O. Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. Since 1943, the Y-12 Plant has played a critical role in ensuring our national security. Many of the highly skilled Y-12 employees reside in Knox County and we are strong supporters of the plant and its missions.

We fully support actions that involve upgrades of existing Y-12 facilities and construction of new facilities at Y-12 as presented in this Draft SWEIS. The Y-12 Plant has unique capabilities supporting a variety of national programs and it is certainly appropriate that DOE take actions to maintain these unique capabilities. Modernization of these Y-12 Plant processes and facilities will ensure that Y-12 continues to fully meet the needs of its national security role while reducing operating costs and more effectively meeting all health, safety and environmental responsibilities.

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**Comment No. 1**  
Comment noted.

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Again, I appreciate your consideration of these comments which I am requesting to be included in the public hearing record for the Draft SWEIS.

Sincerely,

Tom Schumpert  
Knox County Executive

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