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Dear Mr. Hartman,

As a member of the National Pax Christi organization - Catholics working for peace & non-violence, I was stunned & heart broken to read of the Bush Administration's plans to build a new bomb plant in Tennessee. We are no longer in the cold war; what are we doing? These monies would be better spent on health, education, housing & hunger - among other things.

Five billion dollars on a National Security Complex is scandalous. This is not just a local, U.S. issue it's a world issue. We don't make peace by building ever more bombs; they can never make us secure. Why do it?
Sincerely,
Faith Madzar

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Comment noted. There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant or increase the size of the Nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. 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 actions on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement. 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 the issue of how many nuclear weapons the United States maintains in its nuclear arsenal are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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