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**Draft Site-Wide Environmental
Impact Statement for the
Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant
U.S. Department of Energy**

Written Comment Form

U.S Department of Energy
EIS Comment for Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant

I wish to register my opposition to the continued and expanded production of nuclear weapons at the Y-12 plant, as proposed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

I agree with military and political leaders, such as General Lee Butler and former President Jimmy Carter, that the United States must lead the nations of the world in nuclear disarmament rather than in nuclear weapons production. We have a moral and a political obligation to reduce our stockpiles and eventually abolish nuclear arms.

Further, production of nuclear weapons materials at Y-12 compromises the local and global environment. Y-12's mission could be to clean up regionally the toxic materials that have resulted from its past practices. Y-12 could become the facility for dismantling nuclear weapons and processing and storing highly enriched uranium in non-weapons usable forms until it can be disposed of.

There is plenty of work to do to keep the world safe and healthy for our children and for generations to come. Let's put the Y-12 facilities to work for non-nuclear weapons producing and environmentally sound purposes.

Sincerely,

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Comment noted. There is no expanded production of nuclear weapons proposed in the Y-12 SWEIS. In addition, there are no plans or proposals to build new nuclear weapons production facilities to increase the weapons stockpile. Y-12 is supporting the dismantlement of nuclear weapons and the maintenance of the remaining stockpile in order to meet safety, reliability, and security requirements.

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. 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.