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Mr. Hartman -

I am writing to share with you my unequivocal OPPOSITION to any further use of Y-12 for nuclear weapons production AND any action to expand nuclear components production facilities, ANYWHERE!
The ONLY justifiable expenditure on the nuclear weapons complex is CLEAN-UP and waste isolation.

I do not support construction of ANY new facilities.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please invest in renewable energy technology!

Keep the Blue Ridge Blue, not glowing in the dark!

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Comment noted. The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. There is no proposal to expand capabilities or to increase nuclear weapons production at Y-12. In accordance with Section 91 of the Atomic Energy Act, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress. This consent and direction are contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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 cleanup 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.