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Viktor Frankl, survivor of the Holocaust and renowned psychiatrist and author, has said: "Since Auschwitz we know what man is capable of. And since Hiroshima we know what is at stake."

Now we hear that, with a vision of the future deeply rooted in the Cold War of the last century, the Department of Energy has unveiled plans for a new "National Security Complex" in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In an Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 bomb plant, the DOE outlines plans to eventually build a brand new \$4 billion dollar bomb plant.

Precisely because of the truth of what Viktor Frankl said, this is not just an Oak Ridge issue. This is not just a Tennessee issue. This is a world issue.

For the world's sake, for our planet, for ourselves, withdraw these plans!

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The Y-12 SWEIS assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with the continued operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex and the proposed construction and operation of new facilities for the HEU Storage Mission and Special Materials Mission at 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 of 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 this Y-12 SWEIS.