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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I'm truly dismayed about the DOE plans for a new "National Security Complex" in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

What is the rationale for investing in a new four billion dollar nuclear bomb plant?

This country has enough nuclear bombs stock piled to obliterate every major city on this planet. Even if the bombs are never used, they are a lethal threat to the present and future generations.

Plutonium cannot be eliminated. It can only be stored and monitored.

Is this really all about money for the corporations and stock holders?

The tax payers need answers.

Sincerely,
Laura Perreault

I need answers!

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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 and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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