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**Subject:** Telephone comment from Mary J. Sewell - Y-12 SWEIS

This afternoon (January 23, 2001) I received the following telephone comment from Mary J. Sewell of Waynesville, North Carolina:

"This is Mary J. Sewell at 443 Lakeview Drive in Waynesville, North Carolina, and I want to record an objection to building a further nuclear plant at Oak Ridge in the Y-12 EIS program. It is unneeded and it is dangerous and we do not need to spend those billions of dollars it's gonna cost. It is not necessary for the country to do this and I object to it strenuously. Thank you."

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Please enter this into the public hearing record for the Draft Y-12 SWEIS.

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Comment noted. 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.

There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to build new bomb plants or to produce new design nuclear weapons for the stockpile. The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. The actions at Y-12 emphasize downsizing the site based on reduced nuclear weapons stockpile requirements, weapons dismantlement, safety, and cost efficiency.