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U.S. Dept. of Energy  
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Attn: Gary Hartman

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am appalled that my government proposes to increase its ability to destroy, as the weapons Oak Ridge develops are certainly intended to do. This course will not deter others from aggressions to the contrary, it will encourage them to try to come up with more and better ways to meet our threats.

I strongly object to the use of my tax money for such purposes. Please do not continue this project; it is unconscionable for a country that claims to support democracy and freedom as a way of life. I trust that my opinion will not fall on deaf ears. Sincerely yours,  
Jayne S. Smith

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**Comment No. 1**

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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.