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I am a concern citizen and a mother. I care for the future of my son and other children who are exposed daily with radioactive materials. I do believe our future are in the hand of our children, but their mental and physical health is in our hands. We are the ones responsible to create a clean environment for them. Why the powerful countries are always trying to be more powerful? Aren't there enough weapons to destroy our lovely planet with only one press of a bottom? Please if you have a family or young children think about their future and the future of this country and their territories. We can set an example of peace and prosperity to other less fortunate countries without trying to wipe them out of the face of this wonderful world. Our lives, our families, our land, our world are in your hands. I hope God will guide your thoughts and actions to a better world for all creatures.

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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 plan or 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.

Dismantlement of nuclear weapons is an ongoing activity at Y-12 (see Section 2.2.1) and would not be affected or changed under any of the alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS.