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From: Kathleen or Tom Washburn [ktwshbrn@gte.net]  
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2001 11:31 AM  
To: Y12EIS  
Subject: Y-12 Bomb Plant

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I urge you to take measures to stop any further planning toward building a new Nuclear Bomb facility at Oak Ridge.

The so-called Cold War has ceased, and the world is gradually moving toward eliminating all nuclear warheads. Planning again to build nuclear bombs is a retreat from established policy and goes against President Bush's stated intention of reducing this nation's burden of atomic warheads. The billions of dollars projected to be used in building such a facility is urgently needed in domestic projects that address the dire poverty and hunger and homelessness in this country.

Sincerely yours,

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Comment noted. The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. There is no proposal to expand capabilities or increase nuclear weapons production at Y-12.

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Parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty agree not to directly or indirectly transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over them to any recipient; and not to in any way assist, encourage, or induce nonnuclear weapons states to manufacture or alter use, or acquire nuclear weapons, or alter nuclear explosive devices or control over them. Continuation of the Y-12 mission, and construction and operation of the HEU Materials Facility and Special Materials Complex by the United States does not conflict with such an agreement. The proposed action, which includes continuing weapons dismantlement activities at Y-12, fully supports the goals of Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, in which signatory nations agree to work toward total disarmament.

Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing the nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of START I and the recently ratified START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities.

Discussion of alternative uses of the Nation's funds is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.