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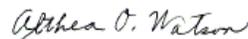
Mr. Gary Hartman
Oak Ridge Operations Office
Oak Ridge, TN

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I have heard that the government is planning to build a bomb factory at Oak Ridge, TN. I think that this is an appalling idea. This country doesn't need any more bombs. Why is it planning to build more to sell to other countries? This will only add to the instability of the entire world.

I hope you will heed the many voices that I am sure you will be hearing about the inappropriateness of building more nuclear bombs at this time.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Hunter B. Watson

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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 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.