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I have received information that it is the intent to build a large bomb building complex in Oak Ridge TN. How fitting it is to be at the location of the original king of mass destruction.

We have also been led to believe the cold war is over and that in general, good relations are ahead of us, at least with the larger countries that would ordinarily cause concern.

If this is true, then why may I aske, is it necessary to build one of the largest production facilities for more items of mass destruction. It is well known that between ourselves and Russia there are more nuclear weapons than necessary to destroy the earth many times over. There are rusting bombs, and chemical weapons also rusting and causing concern as to storage or disposal... My final question is the same as the first, WHY?

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There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant or expand production of new design weapons for the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The new facilities proposed in the Y-12 SWEIS for the HEU Storage and Special Materials missions address safety, efficiency, and cost issues and are consistent with the overall downsizing of the Y-12 site and its mission requirements.

Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of its nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing its deployed nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of the START I and START II treaties. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities. While future arms control reductions may change requirements for maintaining the weapons stockpile, DOE is responsible for meeting the current weapons stockpile requirements set forth by the President and Congress.