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Mr. Gary Hartman
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Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that 4 billion dollars of our hard earned money will be spent on the construction of a nuclear arms plant in Oak Ridge.

With so many unemployed in Detroit and its environs, what can your budgeteers be thinking? Who is our new enemy? I suppose we can count on the people of those countries the politicians do not like.

We desperately need tax money to be spent on better schools, health programs for our next generation seems to me to be a more positive solution for our future.

When my eldest child was and as a young mother for the first time I wrote desperate letters to the newspapers and to our public officials, protesting the hydrogen bomb which had just been developed. Little did I dream that in the 21st century I would still be waging the same battle.

This is not the same America that I was raised in. But perhaps the lesson I must learn that struggling for sanity and peace in our country and in the world, is a lifelong struggle.


Margaret Fishman

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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 need for nuclear weapons and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.