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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am a very concerned citizen and taxpayer of the United States. I strongly oppose the use of my federal tax dollars being massively wasted on the expansion building up of more nuclear weapons, which creates a greater insecurity in our world, and more destruction of our God's green and blessed creation.

It is extremely clear that the congressional delegation of Tennessee only see "pork" and big dollars (greed) for their State. Yet, they fail to hear the cries and voices of truth rising up across America, who truly understand the devastation that this Y-12 Oak Ridge plant will produce. Not only are we slowly killing our environment, but we are "killing" our people by depriving them of the billions of dollars that could be spent actually uplifting and empowering citizens through programs that truly create peace and stability around the world, such as living wages, education, health care, food, shelter, etc.

I strongly encourage and invite you to halt any and all plans to increase production of any weapons of mass destruction. The fact remains that your "mini-nukes" would still spread death and contamination over broad areas, subjecting civilians and God's creation to radiation poisoning indiscriminately. The fact remains that your data on environmental contamination comes primarily from 1998, when the Y-12 plant was only operating at 10% capacity. Plus, the contractors who prepared the document did absolutely no research on their own.

In summation, much of your information is highly unclear, truly incomplete, and overwhelmingly misleading, and just not credible! Also, it is already a crime against God and humanity that the Oak Ridge Y-12 plant has contaminated the African-American community of Scarboro. The U S Department of Energy collectively has blood on it's hands, the blood of innocent Americans and world-citizens today and the blood of future generations to come. In the name of God, our Creator, stop this nuclear madness promoting death, insecurity, and instability.

In a perfect world, all people would demand the closure of the Oak Ridge Y-12 plant, but for now, I strongly favor remaining with the status quo #1 option. God bless you!

Peace,

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There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to make more bombs or expand that capability. Section 2.2.1 of the SWEIS describes the ongoing weapons dismantlement activities 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 and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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The analysis in Section 5.13 of the Y-12 SWEIS shows that the proposed action and alternatives would not have a disproportionately high and adverse impact on the Scarboro Community.

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Comment noted.

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