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Hartman, Gary S

From: Willard Ebersole [weber@southwind.net]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2001 8:26 AM
To: Y12EIS
Subject: Environmental Impact Statement for Y-12

Dear Mr. Hartman:

We want to express our opposition to the idea of building a brand new \$4 billion dollar bomb plant. We feel that there are already more than enough nuclear weapons in the world. The more nuclear bombs that are produced, the more chance there is for some drastic action or accident that would have grave consequences for the whole world. More time, energy and economic resources needs to go into de-alerting current nuclear bombs.

Let's STOP MAKING BOMBS!

Thank you!

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Comment noted. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant or to increase the size of the Nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. While future arms control reductions may change requirements for the weapons stockpile, DOE is responsible for meeting the current requirements set forth by the President and Congress. This express 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.

DOE believes that it has adequately addressed impacts to the environment that could result from implementing the proposed action and alternatives in the Y-12 SWEIS. Volume I, Chapter 5 of the Y-12 SWEIS addresses impacts of proposed action and alternatives; and Volume II, Appendices D and E provide further detailed analyses related to human health effects from normal operations/facility accidents and air quality, respectively.