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The proposal to build this expensive plant to build MORE bombs is a prime example of the military-industrial complex at work, the very coalition that former President (and 5-star general) Dwight Eisenhower warned us against.
What has happened to the enthusiasm for beating swords into plowshares that was evidenced at the end of the Cold War?
Was it done away with by our greed to be weapon-maker for the world? Or did we just want to be the biggest bully on the block? Yes, I want us to be number one, but not this way. I want us to be number one in peace-making, the leader in providing the best quality of life for our people and our brothers and sisters all over the globe.
Thinking people will not be proposing a new, expensive plant to build more bombs. How can we negotiate for peace and disarmament on the one hand, and want to build more bombs with the other?
This does not make sense and, quite frankly - to lapse into the vernacular - it stinks!

Sincerely,
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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.

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 START I and START II. 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 requirements set forth by the President and Congress. The need for nuclear weapons and the issue of how many nuclear weapons the United States maintains as a nuclear deterrent are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.