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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am writing to you as the Anderson County Executive and an engineer previously employed at the Y-12 Plant to provide comments on the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). The Y-12 Plant, located entirely in Anderson County, has been a champion for our national security for over fifty years. Some 70% of the facilities are over forty years old. While it currently operates in a safe and environmentally compliant manner and continues to perform critical defense program missions, it is time to modernize many of its facilities and processes. Such modernization over the long term will save taxpayer money by reducing cost through more efficient, consolidated operations.

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Comment No. 1
Comment noted

Issue Code: 16

As DOE considers the alternatives of this Draft SWEIS, I can assure you from my more than ten years of direct work experience with unique Y-12 Plant processes and facilities that modernization and new construction are certainly appropriate. I fully support upgrades of existing Y-12 facilities and construction of new facilities at Y-12 for both the highly enriched uranium storage mission and the special materials mission.

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Comment No. 2
Comment noted

Issue Code: 22

The modernization of the Y-12 Plant is the one activity that could have the most impact on the future of Anderson County. We have taken great pride in the role that Y-12 has played in ensuring our national security. Modernization of the Y-12 Plant will ensure that its critical mission will be effectively and efficiently performed well into the next century.

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this Draft SWEIS and request that my comments to be included in the public hearing record.

Sincerely,

Rex Lynch
Anderson County Executive

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