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Gary Hartman
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Dear Gary Hartman:

I am most concerned about the plan for a new National Security Complex in Oak Ridge. The USA does not need to make any more bombs or even to update old ones. We must be cooperative with all the nations of the little Earth and cannot protect them or ourselves with bombs.

I believe that expanding our nuclear capability would violate our nonproliferation goals and encourage others to expand theirs.

I also think the Environmental Impact Statement leaves out information about alternative uses for 4 billion dollars. I do not understand much about money, but I know 4 billion is a lot and if we have it, we need to plan for its use carefully considering all needs.

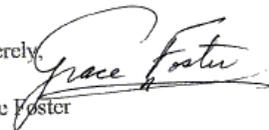
I cannot attend the hearing on January 25. I would say these things if I were there. Please add these words to those of other concerned people.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Grace Foster



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Parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty agree not to directly or indirectly transfer nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices or control over them to any recipient; and not to in any way assist, encourage, or induce nonnuclear weapon states to manufacture or alter use, or acquire nuclear weapons, or alter nuclear explosive devices or control over them. Continuation of the Y-12 mission, and construction and operation of a HEU Materials Facility or Special Materials Complex by the United States does not conflict with such an agreement. Non-weapons states that have agreed not to manufacture nuclear weapons are not likely to be encouraged to do so as a result of the Y-12 National Security Complex continuing its weapons support mission activities. As for rogue states bent on obtaining nuclear weapons at any cost, it is doubtful that the Y-12 mission activities will have any influence on their nuclear weapons endeavors.

DOE is responsible for meeting the current requirements set forth by the President and Congress. The need for nuclear weapons and potential alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.