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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I have read a summary of the DOE's Environmental Impact Statement concerning the developments at the Y-12 site. I am opposed to the plan to build a new special materials facility and a new highly enriched uranium facility. This proposed expansion is in the complete opposite direction I believe our nuclear policy should go. I believe it threatens a nuclear reduction plan as well as creates ever more toxic wastes in our environment. This plan makes our world increasingly unstable and unlivable.

My main concerns have to do with nuclear threat and environmental destruction, but I am also dismayed that proposals such as these drain money from the more important needs of American citizens. I am talking about needs of education, health care, housing, and infrastructure. To me, these represent domestic security, and that is what I favor as a tax-paying citizen.

I don't want mini-nukes, and I don't want any new bombs manufactured. The United States is responsible for the arms race as other countries are threatened by what we do not the reverse. How many times do we have to be able to clobber the "enemy?" Please register my feedback as OPPOSED.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Comment noted. There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to expand Y-12 capabilities or manufacture new nuclear weapons to increase the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The proposed action and alternatives in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12.

The Y-12 SWEIS includes the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental consequences of the continued operation of the Y-12 National Security Complex, and the construction and operation of new facilities for the HEU Storage and Special Materials missions at Y-12. The proposed action is not expected to have any impacts upon the nuclear weapons endeavors of other nations; would not violate or impact any international treaties or agreements; would not impact ongoing negotiations to further reduce nuclear weapons stockpiles; and would not promote nuclear proliferation.

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.