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 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SPEIS)  
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 FACILITATOR MR. BARRY LAWSON

3 Good afternoon, and thank you all for taking  
4 time to participate in this important public hearing on  
5 the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA)  
6 Supplemental Programmatic environmental impact statement  
7 (SPEIS) or Supplemental PEIS. And that's for the  
8 transformation of the nation's Nuclear Weapons Complex.

9 I hope you had an opportunity to browse the  
10 displays and talk to project staff during the just  
11 completed open house. If not, there will be other  
12 opportunities before you leave.

13 My name is Barry Lawson, and it's my pleasure to  
14 serve as moderator for this hearing. My roles this  
15 afternoon, and again this evening, are to ensure that  
16 there are opportunities for those of you attending to  
17 obtain information about the proposed program and to  
18 provide your comments, also to make sure that everyone  
19 observes a few basic ground rules, intended to provide for  
20 fair and respectful participation by all.

21 Before I go further in describing today I'd like  
22 to first let you know that we have two sign language  
23 people here, the first, who has already begun, is Dawn  
24 Munroe, who is sitting down here in the orange outfit, and  
25 also Charles Conklin, who will be subbing for her during

1 the day and the evening.

2 Also before I go further I'd like to introduce  
3 Tom Sherry, who is the Site Officer Manager here at Oak  
4 Ridge for some opening words of greeting.

5 OPENING COMMENTS

6 BY MR. TOM SHERRY

7 MR. SHERRY: I appreciate it, Barry.

8 Ted Sherry, Manager of the Y-12 site office.

9 Good afternoon and welcome to today's public  
10 hearing on the NNSA's Supplemental Programmatic  
11 Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) process.

12 I would like to take a moment, first of all, to  
13 acknowledge our local and regional elected officials and  
14 their representatives.

15 Of course, we have David Leverton, who is from  
16 Senator Corker's office; we have Gina Broome with  
17 Congressman Zach Wamp's office; Jonathan Griswold with  
18 Congressman Jimmy Duncan's office; Paul Scarbrough and  
19 Sammy Laudermon with Congressman Lincoln Davis's office;  
20 City of Oak Ridge Mayor Tom Beehan; Gary Human with the  
21 State of Tennessee Department of Economics & Community  
22 Development; and Mike Farmer, Roane County Executive. We  
23 also have City Council members Tom Mace and Mayor Pro Tem  
24 Jane Miller here.

25 Again, welcome to all.

1           This is the second set of 19 public hearings  
2 being conducted in the communities near NNSA sites. The  
3 purpose is to get your comments and inputs on the  
4 analyses, environmental impacts and on the alternatives of  
5 the Draft Supplemental Programmatic EIS.

6           We have a preferred alternative but no decisions  
7 have been made yet. The draft programmatic EIS is a key  
8 part of the NNSA Complex Transformation. This PEIS  
9 focuses on the infrastructure changes. The draft SPEIS  
10 builds upon the good work that has been done and is  
11 currently underway.

12           The preferred alternative would result in  
13 significant transformational changes here at Y-12. It  
14 would result in a 90 percent reduction in the high  
15 security area, a 60 percent reduction in the nuclear  
16 operational footprint and a 50 percent reduction in the  
17 total building footprint here at Y-12.

18           This is possible because of our talented  
19 workforce and all the work that's being done to make the  
20 site more safe, secure and responsive and more cost  
21 effective.

22           Again, I welcome you, and I welcome your  
23 comments on the Draft SPEIS. And I realize you-all took  
24 time off from your busy schedules to be here, so I thank  
25 you. We realize this is very important to you, and it is

1 us.

2 And I'll turn it back over to Barry.

3 INTRODUCTION

4 MR. BARRY LAWSON

5 Thank you, Mr. Sherry.

6 Now, as you signed in at the registration table  
7 you should have received a participant's packet which  
8 contains information on the transformation of the Nuclear  
9 Weapons Complex. This will be helpful as you follow along  
10 with the presentation later.

11 There are two parts to this hearing. The  
12 informal segment began with the open house and continues  
13 after my remarks with a brief welcome video by Mr. Robert  
14 Smolen, who is the Deputy Administrator for the Defense  
15 Program, and then a 20-minute presentation by Ted Wyka,  
16 the Supplemental PEIS Document Manager. Mr. Wyka will  
17 discuss the Complex Transformation Project and the  
18 contents of the Supplemental PEIS.

19 The formal segment of the hearing will begin  
20 following Mr. Wyka's presentation. And during that formal  
21 segment members of the public will be called to make oral  
22 comments on the Supplemental PEIS. The court reporter  
23 will then begin making a verbatim record of your comments.

24 There will be no exchange of questions and  
25 answers. NNSA officials will be here to listen to your

1 comments but will not be engaging in dialogue.

2 If you wish to make an oral comment during the  
3 formal comment segment, you will have need to signed up at  
4 the registration table if you haven't already. I will be  
5 recognizing speakers as their names appear on the  
6 registration list that's provided to me. The Ground Rules  
7 For Speakers provide additional information on providing  
8 your oral comments.

9 Now, during the formal session members of the  
10 public will be allotted two minutes each to make their  
11 comments.

12 Now, just as an aside here, I wish I could give  
13 you more, frankly. I know it's putting a burden on many  
14 of you to keep your comments to two minutes -- I'm going  
15 to say an outside of three minutes so that we can get as  
16 many people speaking as possible.

17 There are 80 people who have signed up, and you  
18 can do the math, that even at three minutes apiece, we  
19 will be here a long time, especially the people who are 70  
20 through 80. So please try to keep your comments as  
21 concise as possible.

22 If you have a longer written statement, please  
23 summarize those comments orally and submit the written  
24 document in its entirety. If you believe that you need  
25 more than the allotted time, the only thing I can say at

1 this point is you have two options. One is to come back  
2 this evening, and the other is that if for some strange  
3 and unusual reason we have time after everyone this  
4 afternoon has an opportunity to speak once, you can come  
5 back and complete your comments.

6 That's it for the agenda and the hearing format.  
7 Are there any questions?

8 Okay. Great. Thank you for your cooperation in  
9 making this a productive and a respectful hearing, and I  
10 look forward to your participation.

11 And now for the eight-minute video by  
12 Mr. Smolen. And that will be followed directly by  
13 Mr. Wyka's presentation.

14 Please.

15 (The video was played, not reported.)

16 (Mr. Wyka gave his presentation, not reported.)

17 PURPOSE AND FORMAT

18 MR. BARRY LAWSON

19 Okay. Well, thank you for your patience. We're  
20 going to get started right away with the formal segment.  
21 Just bear with me for just a couple of minutes because I  
22 do have to read some things into our formal record.

23 This portion of our hearing is officially  
24 designated the Oak Ridge Public Hearing for the National  
25 Nuclear Security Administration's Supplemental PEIS for

1 the Complex Transformation Program.

2 This hearing is being held on February 26th in  
3 the New Hope Center here in Oak Ridge. It's being held to  
4 receive comments on the content of the Supplemental PEIS.

5 We are commencing the public comment portion of  
6 this hearing at 12:40 p.m. and are scheduled to adjourn  
7 once all participants have had a chance to make their  
8 comments.

9 Each speaker will have a maximum of two minutes.  
10 We will begin with elected Federal and State Officials.

11 I will also note that we do have another hearing  
12 tonight and that open house starts at six with comments  
13 starting after our presentations.

14 If you do not -- If you run out of patience this  
15 afternoon -- I do have 92 people who have signed up to  
16 speak this afternoon -- I urge you to consider maybe  
17 switching to this evening. In any case, we're going to do  
18 the best we can.

19 This hearing was preceded by a presentation by  
20 NNSA's PEIS (Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement)  
21 Document Manager, Mr. Ted Wyka, and he will represent the  
22 Administration in listening to and accepting your  
23 comments.

24 For the record, once again my name is Barry  
25 Lawson. I've been asked by the NNSA to conduct this

1 comment period as an independent and neutral moderator,  
2 and I will ensure that the ground rules reviewed earlier  
3 in the afternoon are followed.

4 The court reporter this afternoon is Lynda  
5 Clark. Her task is to create a complete and accurate  
6 transcription of this hearing. NNSA will place copies of  
7 this in its Freedom of Information Act designated reading  
8 rooms as soon as practicable.

9 If you wish to make oral comments, you must  
10 first have signed up at the registration table. I will  
11 recognize speakers in the order in which they are  
12 registered, allowing elected officials, State and Federal,  
13 to go first as typically we do.

14 Please remain in this room if you are scheduled  
15 to speak. I will be calling three speakers at a time, the  
16 current speaker and the next two, so that you will have  
17 some warning before you are to speak.

18 I would ask you to please move toward the front  
19 of the room when you have been called to be on deck. That  
20 will give just that much more time for yours and everyone  
21 else's testimony. And when it is your turn to speak,  
22 please come forward to the podium, which is down on the  
23 main floor in front to my left.

24 If you are approaching the time limit, in other  
25 words, as soon as you reach two minutes, I will give a

1 signal by asking you to summarize your comments as quickly  
2 and as gracefully as possible. In no way will I be able  
3 to allow you to go more than three minutes.

4 I may call a break or recess in the proceedings  
5 to give the court reporter and others a breather.

6 Also please conduct conversations outside this  
7 room and take a moment to shut off cell phones if you have  
8 not already done so.

9 Commenters are recommended to state their names  
10 for the court reporter's record. And if you have written  
11 copies of your comments, or if you have a written document  
12 you would like to submit as an exhibit, please bring it to  
13 me or to the court reporter after you have spoken. There  
14 is also a place outside near the registration table for  
15 written comments if you want to submit them there.

16 Written materials will be formally accepted into  
17 the record as exhibits in addition to oral comments, and  
18 they will be weighed equally by NNSA.

19 Okay. Remember, you may also submit comments by  
20 April 10 of 2008, and there is no limit on the number or  
21 the length of comments an individual may submit.

22 Okay. Enough of that. Let's get on to the  
23 speakers.

24 The first speaker I have on my list today is  
25 David Leaverton, and he would be followed by Gina Broome

1 and Jonathan Griswold.

2 MR. DAVID LEAVERTON

3 Good afternoon. My name is David Leaverton.  
4 I'm the East Tennessee Field Director for U.S. Senator Bob  
5 Corker.

6 Mr. Wyka, thank you for being here and taking  
7 the time to listen to the comments today.

8 I'm glad to be here today to convey Senator  
9 Corker's support for the National Nuclear Security  
10 Administration's vision to modernize the nation's Nuclear  
11 Weapons Complex.

12 The Senator had the opportunity to tour Y-12  
13 earlier this month and came away very impressed at the  
14 vital role it has played in our country's security over  
15 the past 65 years.

16 The Senator supports NNSA's proposed plan to  
17 maintain a Uranium Center of Excellence at the complex in  
18 Oak Ridge. We believe this plan will save our country  
19 money while improving the safety and security of the  
20 complex. And we look forward to watching the progress at  
21 Y-12 as this plan is implemented.

22 And Senator Alexander's Office said they are  
23 unable to be here today, but they have submitted a letter  
24 of support to the NNSA Office of Transformation.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. BARRY LAWSON

2 Thank you, sir.

3 MR. BARRY LAWSON

4 All right. Thank you.

5 Our next speaker is Gina Broome to be followed  
6 by Jonathan Griswold and Paul Scarbrough.

7 MS. GINA BROOME

8 Hello. My name is Gina Broome. I'm the  
9 District Representative for Congressman Wamp, and  
10 unfortunately, he couldn't be here today, so he's asked me  
11 to come and read his comments into the record.

12 "Thank you for the opportunity to provide  
13 comments on the National Nuclear Security Administration's  
14 study on transforming the Nuclear Weapons Complex. This  
15 process is a very important step that I strongly support  
16 to make our Nuclear Weapons Complex more responsive,  
17 secure and cost effective.

18 "It's crucial to engage communities like Oak  
19 Ridge made up of Cold War heroes who carry the banner of  
20 the Manhattan Project legacy proudly.

21 "As the NNSA is evaluating all the options to  
22 transform the Nuclear Weapons Complex, the primary focus  
23 should be on producing the most efficient complex to meet  
24 our national security needs for the next century.

25 "Since it was first proposed I have actively

1 supported the Y-12 National Security Complex's  
2 modernization effort, including the construction of the  
3 highly enriched uranium manufacturing facility, the  
4 uranium processing facility and accelerated cleanup.

5 "These efforts for a smaller, safer site  
6 preceded the first -- or I'm sorry -- preceded the  
7 over-arching goal of complex transformation well before it  
8 became a national policy focus.

9 "As we examine the future of the nation's  
10 Nuclear Weapons Complex, it's important to maintain vital  
11 missions at Y-12 and support its designation as the Center  
12 of Excellence for Uranium and Canned Subassemblies.

13 "My position in Congress allows me to take a  
14 leadership role in overseeing NNSA's reconfiguration of  
15 the Nuclear Weapons Complex. It is an honor to work with  
16 the men and women of Y-12, the NNSA and the Oak Ridge  
17 community.

18 "Zach Wamp, member of Congress."

19 MR. BARRY LAWSON

20 Thank you, Ms. Broome.

21 Our next speaker is Jonathan Griswold, followed  
22 by Paul Scarbrough and mayor Tom Beehan.

23 MR. JONATHAN GRISWOLD

24 Good afternoon. My name is John Griswold. I'm  
25 the Energy and Legislative Assistant to Congressman Jim

1 Duncan. I would like to read his statement.

2 "Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has been home to the  
3 Department of Energy since the Manhattan Project. During  
4 this time our nation's nuclear policy has changed in many  
5 ways, and each time the dedicated staff of Y-12 has always  
6 met all the needs of DOE's mission. This region stands  
7 ready to continue to do so.

8 "Y-12 is an integral part of our nation's  
9 Nuclear Weapons Complex and has manufactured components of  
10 every weapon in our nuclear arsenal. Y-12 also has the  
11 distinction of being recognized as the U.S. Center of  
12 Excellence in uranium, and I'm aware that Complex 2030  
13 supports that mission.

14 "In fact, Y-12 is often referred to as the Fort  
15 Knox of enriched uranium. I fully support the  
16 Department's transformation plans to make the nuclear  
17 weapons program smaller, more responsive and safer.

18 "As modernization efforts progress across the  
19 DOE Complex, I encourage the DOE and NNSA to complete  
20 construction on the special materials forge facility here  
21 at Y-12. Y-12 is well-positioned to meet any challenge  
22 and accomplish any mission from DOE and NNSA.

23 "This region is also prepared to work with DOE's  
24 environmental management office to meet the cleanup needs  
25 of Y-12.

1           "And as DOE and NNSA move forward with Complex  
2 2030, it is my sincere hope that it carefully consider  
3 Y-12's record of distinction."

4           Thank you very much.

5                       MR. BARRY LAWSON

6           Thank you, sir.

7           All right. And now we'll hear from Paul  
8 Scarbrough, and Mr. Scarbrough will be followed by Mayor  
9 Beehan and John Whalen.

10                      MR. PAUL SCARBROUGH

11           I probably won't need that mic, but first just  
12 let me say that it's been sort of a special meeting for me  
13 today to come here to the New Hope Center.

14           The New Hope Community, you know, was located to  
15 next to the Scarbrough community years ago, and my name is  
16 Paul Scarbrough. And I'm a representative for Congressman  
17 Lincoln Davis in the Fourth Congressional District.

18           Congressman Davis represents 25 of the 95  
19 counties in Tennessee, and he's asked me to read this  
20 statement to you.

21           "To all who serve their country everyday at the  
22 Y-12 facility: You are among the best and the most  
23 talented in the world, and I commend you for your efforts  
24 and your dedication to America's safety and security.

25           "As you already know, your extraordinary team

1 has accomplished a great deal. Over the past year alone  
2 the 4,500 plus workers at Y-12 provided uranium fuel for  
3 our Navy, achieved impressive feats in worker safety,  
4 completely dismantled four weapons system and more.

5 "For all that you do each one of you deserves a  
6 facility that is as committed to our national security and  
7 to the health and well-being of Y-12 employees as you are.

8 "I hope that you continue to stay in touch with  
9 me and my office as the Department of Energy's (DOE)  
10 National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) moves  
11 forward with proposed transformation of our nation's  
12 Nuclear Weapons Complex.

13 "And I'm committed to working with my colleagues  
14 in the House as well as my friends in and around Roane  
15 County to secure the future of Y-12 for Tennessee and the  
16 country."

17 MR. BARRY LAWSON

18 Thank you, sir.

19 Our next speaker is Mayor Tom Beehan and  
20 followed by John Whalen and Mayor Pro Tem Jane Miller.

21 MAYOR TOM BEEHAN

22 Thank you very much.

23 Mr. Wyka, welcome to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. My  
24 name is Tom Beehan, and I'm the Mayor of the Oak Ridge.  
25 And I bring greetings from the citizens of Oak Ridge to

1 all who gathered, whether you live here or a guest here,  
2 but particularly those people who have worked at Y-12 or  
3 who currently do. We really appreciate what you have  
4 done, not only for this community but for the country.

5 I'm going to read a letter today on the  
6 letterhead of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the City  
7 of Knoxville, Tennessee, the City of Clinton, Tennessee,  
8 the town of Farragut and the City of Kingston, Tennessee.  
9 It's a letter signed by the Mayor to those communities  
10 yesterday in support of the endeavors here.

11 It says, "Dear, Mr. Wyka: We are writing in  
12 support of the Y-12 National Security complex and its  
13 important mission within the National Security  
14 Administration Nuclear Weapons Complex.

15 "The Y-12 National Security Complex has played  
16 an integral role in national and international security  
17 since its construction. As elected officials in Oak Ridge  
18 and the Knoxville region, our constituents comprise the  
19 majority of the Y-12 workforce, whose capability and  
20 expertise cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

21 "The recent SPEIS document presents several  
22 alternatives that are under consideration. The NNSA's  
23 preferred alternative is to establish a Distributed Center  
24 of Excellence, which would support the continued  
25 specialized uranium mission at Y-12 and allow the design

1 for a new uranium processing facility to proceed.

2 "We wholeheartedly support this alternative as  
3 it recognizes Y-12's unique capabilities while providing  
4 for a smaller, more secure site comprised of several more  
5 efficient facilities.

6 "We commend the NNSA for its efforts to engage  
7 the public in the plan to transform the Nuclear Weapons  
8 Complex into a safer, more cost effective 21st century  
9 institution.

10 "In this era of post Cold War challenges the  
11 United States can ill afford the loss of a significant  
12 national security investments made in Oak Ridge,  
13 Tennessee.

14 "We urge the NNSA to implement the preferred  
15 alternative, which we believe will provide a strong  
16 framework for national security in the foreseeable  
17 future."

18 This letter is signed by myself as the Mayor of  
19 Oak Ridge, Mayor Bill Haslam as the Mayor of Knoxville,  
20 Mayor Winfred Shoopman as the Mayor of Clinton, Mayor Eddy  
21 Ford of the Town of Farragut, Mayor Troy Beets as the  
22 Mayor of the City of Kingston.

23 Thank you very much for your patience.

24 MR. BARRY LAWSON

25 Thank you, sir.

1           Our next speaker is John Whalen followed by Jane  
2 Miller and Linda Short.

3                           MR. JOHN WHALEN

4           Good afternoon. My name is John Whalen. I'm  
5 from Harriman, Tennessee, and I've been part of the DOE  
6 contract for workforce for the past 30 years.

7           The Oak Ridge area and East Tennessee share both  
8 a rich history and long-term employer/employee  
9 relationship with DOE and its predecessors. In fact, you  
10 cannot mention the words "Manhattan Project" without  
11 mentioning Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

12           The City of Oak Ridge's very existence was made  
13 possible by the Government's acquisition of the  
14 (inaudible) community and the surrounding areas. East  
15 Tennesseans are proud that we were the builders and  
16 operators of the three facilities that created the very  
17 first atomic weapons that ended the bloodiest war in the  
18 history.

19           Regretfully, many people lost their lives at  
20 both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the United States did not  
21 start the Second World War. We did, however, build the  
22 weapons that ended the war abruptly and saved what  
23 estimated would have been millions of American  
24 servicemen's lives that would have been sacrificed to  
25 conquer Japan with a land invasion of the island.

1           As the day progresses, please observe how many  
2 of today's speakers are from this local area and how many  
3 are from elsewhere and weigh each of their comments  
4 accordingly.

5           I would expect plenty of comments from many non  
6 East Tennesseans touting their consternation for any form  
7 of nuclear weapons and the evilness of their very  
8 existence. While I respect their right to voice their  
9 opinions on the pros and cons of nuclear weapons, I do not  
10 feel that this venue was designed for their protest but  
11 instead is designed to help shape the future configuration  
12 of the Nuclear Weapons Complex.

13           I personally feel that today's nuclear arsenal  
14 is both needed and wanted by the majority of American  
15 citizens what with the likes of Pakistan and North Korea  
16 having the technology.

17           Now, that we have released the genie from the  
18 bottle we need to harness its resources to further reduce  
19 our energy demands, help cure our illnesses and for our  
20 own protection.

21           I'd also like for NNSA to know that no matter  
22 what the decision the local workforce here will continue  
23 to give our contractors the most highly trained employees  
24 available. And we will endeavor to maintain the quality  
25 labor/management relationship that all the East Tennessee

1 Y-12 contractors have enjoyed since the days of Clinton  
2 Laboratories and the Atomic Energy Commission.

3 MR. BARRY LAWSON

4 Thirty seconds, please.

5 MR. JOHN WHALEN

6 The existing workforce is well-aware of the  
7 importance of providing quality, highly skilled,  
8 safety-oriented employees for the tasks involved in  
9 keeping Y-12 the flagship's facility of the NNSA's Weapons  
10 Complex.

11 I personally feel that the preferred option,  
12 Distributed Centers of Excellence, would provide the  
13 necessary footprint reduction needed for today's needs and  
14 would provide the safest, most efficient, streamlined  
15 protection matrix possible.

16 Once again, thanks, Mr. Wyka, for having made  
17 this forum possible. And I'd like to remind you the  
18 decisions pertaining to the DOE facilities of East  
19 Tennessee should be a reflection of the views of the  
20 citizens of East Tennessee and not the invalidated  
21 perceptions of those who haven't any idea of what goes on  
22 behind the security fences at Y-12.

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 My next speaker is Mayor Pro Tem Jane Miller to  
25 be followed by Linda Short and Mike Farmer.

1                   MAYOR PRO TEM JANE MILLER

2                   Good afternoon. Again, I'm Jane Miller. I'm  
3 Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Oak Ridge.

4                   Thank you, Mr. Wyka. It's an honor to be here  
5 today to read a Resolution from the Oak Ridge City  
6 Council. It was passed unanimously at our last meeting on  
7 February 18th.

8                   I will summarize somewhat because we have a lot  
9 of "whereases" in here, but I will get straight, straight  
10 to the point.

11                   "WHEREAS, the National Nuclear Security  
12 Administration, (NNSA), a semi-automatous agency within  
13 the DOE, was established by Congress in 2000 to manage the  
14 nation's Nuclear Weapons Complex; and

15                   "WHEREAS, the NNSA operates the Y-12 National  
16 Security Complex, (Y-12), located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee;  
17 and

18                   "WHEREAS, Y-12 has a significant economic impact  
19 on the region with over 4500 employees and subcontractors,  
20 procurements worth millions of dollars annually as well as  
21 other spinoff activities; and

22                   "WHEREAS, Y-12's highly trained and talented  
23 workforce cannot be easily replicated anywhere in the  
24 world; and.

25                   "WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge commends the

1 NNSA for its ongoing efforts to improve operating  
2 efficiencies, enhanced safety and environmental management  
3 programs and accelerate nuclear weapons dismantlement  
4 activity; and

5 "WHEREAS, an investment in the modernization of  
6 the Nuclear Weapons Complex will help ensure that vital  
7 national security missions are performed in a safe and  
8 efficient manner; and.

9 "WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge desires to  
10 officially comment to NNSA on the SPEIS; and.

11 "WHEREAS, the NNSA's Preferred Alternative, as  
12 described in the SPEIS, is to pursue a Center for Uranium  
13 Manufacturing and R&D at the Y-12 National Security  
14 Complex; as such, Y-12 would continue to serve as the  
15 primary center for uranium subassembly production,  
16 surveillance and dismantlement; and

17 "Whereas, this preferred alternative would build  
18 upon the completion of the Highly Enriched Uranium  
19 Materials Facility and consolidating HEU storage in that  
20 facility; and

21 "WHEREAS, this preferred alternative would offer  
22 support the preliminary design of a Uranium Processing  
23 Facility (UPF) to consolidate existing HEU contained in  
24 legacy weapons, dismantle legacy warhead secondaries,  
25 support associated Research and Development and provide a

1 long-term capacity for new secondary production; and

2 "WHEREAS, the location of the UPF at Y-12 is  
3 highly desirable and logical; and.

4 "WHEREAS, the City Of Oak Ridge strongly  
5 supports the continued operation of Y-12 and its national  
6 security mission, including the safe and secure storage  
7 and processing of uranium; and

8 "WHEREAS, the workforce at Y-12 is highly  
9 skilled and whose expertise suggest that Y-12 National  
10 Security Complex in Oak Ridge should remain the Weapons  
11 Complex Center of Excellence for uranium and other special  
12 nuclear materials;

13 "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council  
14 of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that the recommendations of the  
15 Oak Ridge City Council and City Manager is approved  
16 endorsing the preferred alternative endorsing for the Y-12  
17 National Security Complex as described in the SPEIS as the  
18 Center of Excellence for Uranium Manufacturing and R&D at  
19 the Y-12 National Security Complex, and as such, Y-12  
20 would continue to serve as the primary uranium center  
21 providing components and subassembly production,  
22 surveillance and dismantlement; and allow NNSA to proceed  
23 with the preliminary design of a Uranium Processing  
24 Facility (UPF).

25 "Be it further resolved that the NNSA is urged

1 to locate the UPF at the Y-12 National Security Complex.

2 "Be it further resolved that this resolution be  
3 transmitted to NNSA as the official comments of the City  
4 of Oak Ridge this day, February 18th, 2008."

5 This has been signed by our Mayor, Tom Beehan,  
6 and our City Attorney, Ken Krushenski.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. BARRY LAWSON

9 Thank you. And "whereas".

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. BARRY LAWSON

12 Our next speaker is Linda Short, and Miss Short  
13 will be followed by Mike Farmer and Winfred Shoopman.

14 MS. LINDA SHORT

15 I'm here to read a letter that was written by  
16 the Executive Director of the Energy, Technology &  
17 Environmental Business Association, known as ETEBA. Her  
18 name is Alice Murphy, and the letter was approved by the  
19 Board of Directors of ETEBA.

20 "Dear Mr. Wyka: The Energy, Technology &  
21 Environmental Business Association represents more than  
22 180 large and small businesses doing work across the DOE  
23 and NNSA Complex. ETEBA responds to the NNSA SPEIS in  
24 support of the Preferred Alternative for Distributed  
25 Centers of Excellence.

1           "The Draft Complex Transformation Plan embraces  
2           the notion of modern Centers of Excellence by focusing on  
3           the core competencies of the various NNSA sites,  
4           eliminating redundancies and maximizing the consolidation  
5           of special nuclear materials.

6           "This preferred alternative would help the  
7           nation achieve a more effective, yet less expensive,  
8           Nuclear Security Program that meets national security  
9           needs.

10           The preferred alternative would establish the  
11           Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12) as the Center of  
12           Excellence for uranium and the Los Alamos National  
13           Laboratory (LANL) as the Center of Excellence for  
14           plutonium.

15           "Y-12 and LANL have historically played  
16           important roles in the NNSA mission, each having over 60  
17           years of expertise in uranium and plutonium technologies.

18           "The employees at these sites have irreplaceable  
19           institutional knowledge that should be more fully  
20           leveraged by modernizing the facilities to enhance  
21           productivity, lower operating costs and improve work  
22           conditions, overall safety and security.

23           "In addition, these NNSA facilities play a  
24           unique role in the economies of the communities in which  
25           they are located, employing large numbers of skilled

1 laborers and professionals, while offering better than  
2 average salaries and benefits.

3 "ETEBA supports the NNSA proposal that Y-12 will  
4 be the Center of Excellence for uranium and canned  
5 subassemblies, including storage of enriched uranium in  
6 the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility, the  
7 processing of enriched uranium and performing research and  
8 development activities within a newly constructed Uranium  
9 Processing Facility, manufacturing of non HEU components  
10 and subassemblies within the Consolidated Manufacturing  
11 Complex, maximum utilization of facilities infrastructure  
12 recapitalization program, and transformation disposition  
13 funding to eliminate excess facilities and enable  
14 footprint reduction, and also the implementing of the  
15 integrated facility disposition plan to complete the  
16 environmental restoration of the site.

17 "ETEBA also supports the NNSA proposal that Los  
18 Alamos National Laboratory will be the Center of  
19 Excellence for nuclear design and engineering and the  
20 Center of Excellence for plutonium, including being the  
21 host site for the super competing platform --

22 MR. BARRY LAWSON

23 Thirty seconds, please.

24 MS. LINDA SHORT

25 -- the plutonium pit production, R&D, within

1 TA-55, including construction of the chemistry and  
2 metallurgy research replacement nuclear facility,  
3 detonator production and contained HEU R&D, the materials  
4 research with the amount of radiation interaction in an  
5 extreme facility as a potential science magnet, the  
6 maximum utilization of facilities infrastructure  
7 recapitalization program and transformation disposition  
8 funding to eliminate excess facilities and enable  
9 footprint reduction and also the continued stable  
10 environmental management program funding to complete the  
11 environmental restoration of the site.

12 "ETEBA would be happy to answer any questions  
13 regarding this correspondence or provide further  
14 testimony. And thank you for the opportunity to comment  
15 on this important national security matter."

16 MR. BARRY LAWSON

17 And thank you.

18 While we're waiting for our next speaker, who is  
19 Mike Farmer, I just wanted to note that I know several of  
20 you have letters or statements that have been prepared for  
21 you.

22 Please, feel free to summarize those comments or  
23 the main points, submit your documents; but if your bosses  
24 or representatives give you any trouble, send them to me.  
25 I appreciate it -- It's very difficult to cut anybody off

1 who has a statement like that, but at the same time I do  
2 have to keep those to the time because I can't give  
3 somebody some time but not somebody else. So please  
4 cooperate as much as you can.

5 Our next speaker is Mike Farmer, followed by  
6 Winfred Shoopman and Joe Lenhard.

7 MR. MIKE FARMER

8 My name is Mike Farmer. I'm the County  
9 Executive of Roane County and a former Y-12 employee.

10 Mr. Wyka, I really appreciate the opportunity  
11 that you have provided to us today, and I am going to read  
12 excerpts of a letter that was signed by the Regional  
13 Mayors here.

14 "As Regional Mayors, we represent some 800,000  
15 citizens and 7,000 employees at the Y-12 National Security  
16 Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. We always have great  
17 interest in the Y-12 issues and the missions performed at  
18 the site. We realize the Department of Energy-National  
19 Security Administration is continuing the transformation  
20 of the nation's nuclear weapons complex by further  
21 consolidating operations, which could result in the  
22 relocation of activities among the sites.

23 "As elected leaders in this region, we would  
24 like to submit our comments on the proposed action.

25 "With regard to our specific comments on the

1 SPEIS, we endorse the recommendations included in the NNSA  
2 complex transformation Study. We fully support  
3 improvements to Y-12 that include: The creation of a  
4 uranium Center of Excellence in Y-12; the safe and secure  
5 storage of highly enriched uranium at Y-12; the  
6 construction of a new uranium production facility;  
7 improvements to manufacturing facilities on site; ongoing  
8 infrastructure cleanup through the Integrated Facilities  
9 Disposition Plan.

10 "These improvements will make Y-12 more  
11 efficient, safer and more secure. They will also expedite  
12 the cleanup of the site, and they will continue to draw on  
13 the long legacy of good work performed by a highly skilled  
14 workforce that Y-12 has always maintained."

15 Thank you again, sir, for our consideration of  
16 our comments.

17 This is signed by the Mayors of Knox, Anderson,  
18 Blount, Loudon, Cocke, Roane, Hamblen, Union, Scott,  
19 Jefferson, Grainger and Sevier County.

20 Thank you very much for hearing this.

21 MR. BARRY LAWSON

22 Thank you. I appreciate it.

23 The next speaker is Winfred Shoopman to be  
24 followed by Joe Lenhard and Susanna Navarro.

25 MR. WINFRED SHOOPMAN

1           Mr. Moderator, Mr. Wyka, thank you for the  
2 opportunity to come and speak in support of Y-12.

3           I bring with me the overwhelming majority of the  
4 town residents of Clinton of 9600 people that support  
5 option two of the preferred alternative of NNSA, the  
6 Distributed Center of Excellence.

7           Since I don't have a resolution like Mayor  
8 Beehan read or Miss Miller read or the letter that was  
9 signed by Mayor Beehan I have to hand you some facts.  
10 These facts are generated from people that I work with or  
11 see on the streets everyday.

12           I, too, am a 37-year employee of Y-12, so I know  
13 the importance of the mission that Y-12 has had over the  
14 years. You have the essential ingredients at Y-12 that  
15 are already put in place. Those ingredients are the  
16 workforce.

17           Working with industries everyday it's important  
18 to have the people that can come to your industry and work  
19 and do the mission that you have in place, and Y-12 and  
20 this surrounding area has that.

21           You have the dedication of employees everyday.  
22 They play a major part in the national security. It's not  
23 just a job for Y-12 employees. It's something that we can  
24 take part in and that we're proud of, that we uphold our  
25 national securities goals and the strategic plan that Y-12

1 has in place. And we meet those goals every year. We  
2 have a commitment from employees that are willing to work.  
3 They want a job. They want to provide for their families,  
4 and this gives them an opportunity to do that.

5 But to come to work in a place where we can just  
6 be a small part of our national security means so much to  
7 the people of East Tennessee and to this area.

8 And finally you already have the infrastructure  
9 in place. Why go out and build something somewhere else  
10 when it's already put in place here at Y-12? Millions of  
11 dollars have been spent in making sure that we have a  
12 place that the work is done safe. No safer place in  
13 America could the work be done than right here. No better  
14 workforce, no better commitment, no better dedication than  
15 right here in East Tennessee.

16 And we thank you for the opportunity you have  
17 provided for that over the years and to continue as time  
18 goes on.

19 Thank you so much for allowing me an opportunity  
20 to speak for the citizens of Clinton and for the employees  
21 of Y-12. Thank you.

22 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

23 Thank you.

24 The next speaker is Joe Lenhard, followed by  
25 Susanna Navarro and Mike Twine.

1 MR. JOE LENHARD

2 Good afternoon. My name is Joe Lenhard. I came  
3 here to Oak Ridge almost 51 years ago, and I have never  
4 left. During the portion of that time I was a Senior  
5 Executive with the Federal Government with the Department  
6 of Energy in Oak Ridge, and I became very familiar with  
7 what goes on at Y-12 and very pleased and excited about  
8 what Y-12 has done for the local region and for the  
9 nation.

10 From a local standpoint Y-12 is a major  
11 contributor to the fact that the federal programs here  
12 represent one of the largest employers in one place in the  
13 State of Tennessee. And that's great. And our hourly  
14 programs, as has already been noted, are highly skillful  
15 and well-paid and jobs like this are not available at many  
16 places in the State of Tennessee.

17 Your Draft proposal to retain the highly  
18 enriched uranium and other uranium programs here in Oak  
19 Ridge is a very correct thing to do. And it's good for  
20 East Tennessee, and it's good for NNSA. And I strongly  
21 endorse that.

22 Recent accomplishments here at Y-12 have  
23 improved the effectiveness, safety and security of federal  
24 programs, building on an almost unique capability.

25 I also endorse and urge that the new highly

1 enriched uranium production facility be located here in  
2 Oak Ridge where that kind of activity was invented. These  
3 decisions are great for East Tennessee and are also the  
4 safest and most effective cost options for NNSA and the  
5 nation.

6 MR. BARRY LAWSON

7 Thirty seconds, please.

8 MR. JOE LENHARD

9 Thank you for the opportunity.

10 MR. BARRY LAWSON

11 Thank you.

12 The next speaker is Susanna Navarro, then Mike  
13 Twine and Homer Fisher.

14 MS. SUSANNA NAVARRO

15 Good afternoon. Thank you for very much for the  
16 opportunity. My name is Susanna Navarro, and I'm the  
17 President of Navarro Research & Engineering, a woman-owned  
18 small business. And we work -- we perform work across the  
19 DOE complex, including Y-12.

20 And I'm here this afternoon to express my  
21 support for the selected alternative for the complex's  
22 transformation and for the modernization of Y-12.

23 First, I would like to say that the decision to  
24 make Y-12 the Uranium Center of Excellence and consolidate  
25 uranium activities here makes good sense. The material is

1 already here, and a modern storage facility is nearing  
2 completion. The uranium experience and technology base is  
3 here.

4 Furthermore, Y-12 has been hiring and training  
5 the next generation of engineers and scientists for its  
6 enduring mission. It will be difficult, if not  
7 impossible, to do this anywhere else.

8 Recently I have witnessed the rebirth of Y-12  
9 with the removal of many old buildings and facilities and  
10 the construction of the first new production facility in  
11 over 30 years. The construction of the New Hope and  
12 (unintelligible) facilities have not only changed the face  
13 of Y-12 but has changed the morale of all who work there.

14 I believe that Y-12 was in front of the weapons  
15 complex in recognizing the need to downsize and  
16 restructure for a more efficient plant. We must keep the  
17 momentum going.

18 Having Navarro Engineering employees on site for  
19 over ten years, I can tell you that the facility is on the  
20 right path. Many of the cost inefficiencies at the plant  
21 can be traced to the large number of oversize and Cold War  
22 era facilities. These Cold War facilities --

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 Thirty seconds, please.

25 MS. SUSANNA NAVARRO

1           -- are in continual need of safety and security  
2 which diverts attention from mission objectives.

3           Given the amount of highly enriched uranium  
4 stored at Y-12 and the need to put that material in safer  
5 and more secure forms, the operation reduction are  
6 essential.

7           The only thing I will suggest to improve the  
8 transformation plant is the stronger and more visible  
9 commitment to remove the large alpha and beta buildings as  
10 they become no longer required because they will be  
11 continuing to drain the NNSA budget.

12           Thank you for the opportunity.

13                       MR. BARRY LAWSON

14           Thank you.

15           Okay. Our next speaker is Mike Twine, then  
16 Homer Fisher and Charles Crowe.

17                       MR. MIKE TWINE

18           Good afternoon. My name is Mike Twine. I'm the  
19 President and CEO of G2 Engineering & Management.

20           And, Mr. Wyka, I have reviewed your SPEIS and  
21 believe the Preferred Alternative to be sound, focused,  
22 balanced and right on target.

23           Thanks.

24                       MR. BARRY LAWSON

25           Mr. Twine, you can stop outside and pick up your

1 gold star.

2 (Laughter.)

3 The next speaker is Homer Fisher, then Charles  
4 Crowe and Yusif Barakat.

5 MR. HOMER FISHER

6 I'm Homer Fisher, Senior Vice President Emeritus  
7 of the University of Tennessee and Chair of the B&W  
8 Community Relations Council.

9 I am here to present a Resolution or a few of  
10 the "whereases" from a Resolution approved by the Council.

11 "WHEREAS, Y-12 is a premier manufacturing  
12 facility dedicated to making the nation and world a safer  
13 place and as such plays a vital role within the National  
14 Nuclear Weapons Complex; and

15 "WHEREAS, the NNSA is evaluating options to  
16 transform the Nuclear Weapons Complex to become more  
17 efficient and cost effective, meeting national security  
18 needs for the 21st century; and

19 "WHEREAS, the NNSA's Preferred Alternative, as  
20 described in the SPEIS, is to establish Distributed  
21 Centers of Excellence, which would support the continued  
22 uranium mission of Y-12 and facilitate the design of a new  
23 uranium processing facility; and

24 "WHEREAS, NNSA and B&W Y-12 have undertaken an  
25 aggressive modernization program at Y-12 designed to help

1 secure the facility's capabilities well into the 21st  
2 century; and

3 "WHEREAS B&W Y-12 has established a Community  
4 Relations Council comprised of civic and community  
5 leaders, local residents and environmental interests; and

6 "WHEREAS the expertise of the highly skilled  
7 workforce cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world;  
8 and

9 "WHEREAS the purpose of the CRC is to facilitate  
10 communications and involvement in the greater Oak Ridge  
11 region regarding issues related to B&W Y-12; and.

12 "WHEREAS the CRC desires to comment on SPEIS,  
13 now for be it resolved that the B&W Y-12 Community  
14 Relations Council strongly supports and urges NNSA to  
15 implement NNSA's Preferred Alternative, the Distributed  
16 Centers of Excellence, which would support the continued  
17 uranium mission at Y-12 and facilitate the design of new  
18 uranium processing facility."

19 This is approved by the 22 members of the  
20 Council. I will also deliver, but not read, a letter of  
21 support from the University of Tennessee.

22 MR. BARRY LAWSON

23 Thank you very much, sir.

24 Our next speaker is Charles Crowe. Mr. Crowe  
25 will be followed by Yusif Barakat and Judy Markle.

1 MR. CHARLES CROWE

2 Thank you for this opportunity to speak and give  
3 my comment. I'm here to speak in support of the Preferred  
4 Alternative for the modernization of the Y-12 facility.

5 Over the past six decades, as we've heard, the  
6 citizens of Oak Ridge and East Tennessee have stepped up  
7 to support the commitment to the government in terms of  
8 the defense initiatives, and it only makes sense that we  
9 continue that support in the future.

10 As a matter of fact, as I see it, all the  
11 ingredients that are recommended by NNSA are already in  
12 place in Y-12. We have a highly skilled workforce in the  
13 area that includes both highly skilled craftsman,  
14 technical, scientific and professional people.

15 We have an infrastructure which supports this  
16 workforce from the educational standpoint. We have  
17 laboratories in the area with the Oak Ridge National  
18 Laboratory which provides opportunities to do new research  
19 and collaborative projects, which can improve the  
20 performance in the defense initiative. These steps are  
21 already in place. They don't cost the Government anything  
22 to do.

23 The history of this area in stepping up and  
24 meeting the milestones and the challenges that have been  
25 set forth to protect the nation are in place, and this has

1       become a way of life in this community.

2                   And I recommend based on all those things that  
3 we continue to support Y-12 in this initiative.

4                   Thank you.

5                               MR. BARRY LAWSON

6                   Thank you, sir.

7                   Our next speaker is Yusif Barakat, then Judy  
8 Markle and Pamela Beziat.

9                               MR. YUSIF BARAKAT

10                   Shalom malechem (phonetic). I'm aware and  
11 sympathize with the people that make a living from this  
12 plant. I'm here to speak about making a life.

13                   I know you are the Nuclear Commission, and I'm  
14 not here to talk to you about atomic energy or about  
15 nuclear bombs. I know you are only a piece of the puzzle.  
16 Still I want to talk to you about the whole puzzle. Not  
17 just a piece, but I want to talk to you about the whole  
18 pie.

19                   I'm not going to bore you with data and  
20 statistics as I am sure you have heard it all. I'm here  
21 to talk about crimes against humanity. I'm here to remind  
22 you about crimes against the earth. I know if you had a  
23 chance to talk to me, you would tell me how it's all about  
24 my security. I know you would tell me all about the enemy  
25 and what you are proposing is necessary to defend me and

1       how I'm supposed to feel more safe and secure.

2               I want to ask you who will protect me from my  
3 protectors? I do not give you permission to do this. I  
4 do not need this unholy protection. I do not need it in  
5 my name.

6               I have a pen here that has a scroll of the  
7 military spending and the global military spending,  
8 national and global. I will leave that with you as my  
9 present.

10              This is a crime against humanity, and you are a  
11 big part of it. Spending 50 percent of the earth's  
12 resources on killing machines and nuclear bombs that only  
13 kill people, destroy their homes and land and pollute the  
14 earth for millions of years is an insanity.

15              Spending trillions of dollars on wars and  
16 nuclear arsenals while the world is suffering, suffocating  
17 while the majority of the world's population is diseased,  
18 homeless and hungry, not counting the ones we slaughter in  
19 the process, is not only lunacy, it is not only a crime  
20 against humanity, but it is a crime against God and  
21 creation. It must be stopped. We must convert earth's  
22 precious resources to care for all of humanity and  
23 preserve mother earth.

24              Can you picture a world that works for all? I  
25 was born in Haifa in 1935. I became a Palestian refugee

1 in 1947 at the age of 12. I've been in America for 60  
2 years. I'm here to tell you might does not make right.  
3 The end does not justify the means. Einstein said it  
4 best. You cannot solve a problem with the same mind set  
5 that created it.

6 I have another present for you. It's a poster  
7 of all the world's religions, and in 18 languages it says,  
8 "There will be peace on earth when there is peace amongst  
9 the world's religions."

10 I want to leave you with this native American  
11 prayer to guide you to your higher consciousness and to  
12 lead you to your Christ/Buddha consciousness. I know from  
13 that place you will be guided to do the right thing.

14 "Teach your children that the earth is our  
15 mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and  
16 daughters of the earth. This we know, the earth does not  
17 belong to us. We belong to the earth. This we know, that  
18 all things are created equal. We know that all things are  
19 connected, like the life blood which unites one family all  
20 things are connected. We did not weave the web of life.  
21 We are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web  
22 we do to ourselves."

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 Thank you very much.

25 The next speaker is Judy Markle and then Pamela

1 Beziat -- I hope I'm pronouncing that somewhat correctly  
2 -- then Joe Parko.

3 MS. JUDY MARKLE

4 Good afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity  
5 to speak. I represent the U.S. Grail and the Detroit Area  
6 Peace for Justice Network.

7 The comments I wish to share I will later send  
8 to you in writing because I haven't verified with the  
9 people who shared them with me. These were spontaneous  
10 comments when they heard I was making this pilgrimage to  
11 your beautiful city.

12 Four and a half years ago I came for the first  
13 time for the Hiroshima day event, and a doctor friend of  
14 mine told me, "Yes, I know of Oak Ridge. I know of it  
15 because I'm very concerned about my son's health. He was  
16 on the University of Michigan rowing team, and they chose  
17 Oak Ridge as the site to practice because it was the  
18 closest to their home." Nine or ten hours of driving, but  
19 close. But they only stayed one year. To use the young  
20 student's term, "The water was too gross."

21 When I returned to Detroit after my first  
22 pilgrimage, I was glad to share with this friend that  
23 there are now signs around the Y-12 not to go into the  
24 water for safety reasons.

25 And I thought the issue was over until last

1 Sunday in church when another friend overheard me telling  
2 somebody about this pilgrimage and commented to me that  
3 she was concerned about her daughter's health because she  
4 lives in Tennessee and regularly comes to Oak Ridge to go  
5 rowing.

6 I don't know where this water site is that these  
7 two people used, but these are mothers of adult children  
8 whose concerns are for their future health and the future  
9 of all people in the U.S. as long as we are involved in  
10 this nuclear race and we are escalating it by our own  
11 actions.

12 I trust that you will take these concerns  
13 seriously, and I'm grateful for the chance to share  
14 them.CMR.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Thank you, ma'am.

17 Pamela Beziat, Joe Parko and then Don Clark.

18 How did I do?

19 MS. PAMELA BEZIAT

20 You did great. Thank you.

21 Good afternoon. I'm Pamela Beziat. I am a  
22 member of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance and a  
23 citizen of the world.

24 I'm here actually for two reasons. The first is  
25 to tell you that the real preferred alternative is to not

1 build this plant.

2 And, secondly, I'm here acting in response to a  
3 challenge by Assistant Attorney General Sandra Donaghy.  
4 She is of the Anderson County Criminal Court in Clinton,  
5 Tennessee.

6 I'm a 62-year-old grandmother and a Hospice  
7 nurse. In October 2007 I served a 22-day sentence of a  
8 30-day sentence in the Anderson County Jail for peaceably  
9 assembling at the gates of the Y-12 plant in August of  
10 2006. During the August 2007 jury trial I was found  
11 guilty of obstructing a roadway along with a priest and a  
12 minister.

13 Prosecutor Donaghy asked me if I had tried other  
14 ways of registering my protest to building and using  
15 nuclear weapons, perhaps writing letters to the editor or  
16 speaking or writing to my Congressional representatives or  
17 perhaps speaking directly to the National Nuclear Security  
18 Administration. So I'm here today because Assistant  
19 Attorney General Sandra Donaghy has sent me.

20 The Anderson County Jail has not detoured me  
21 from speaking out against nuclear weapons or from simply  
22 resisting a government based on the insanity of producing  
23 and using nuclear weapons. Simply put, if they're built,  
24 we'll use them.

25 I'm here to tell you that my children and my

1 beautiful granddaughter and the world's children certainly  
2 do not need another bomb-making plant. And I would ask  
3 you to look into your own hearts, think of your own  
4 children and grandchildren and what you're leaving to  
5 them, because after all that's what's happening.

6 The financial resources for their health and for  
7 their education are depleted. We're leaving them an  
8 environment devastated by nuclear waste and a world  
9 community more dangerous than we've ever known it before.

10 Please, look into your hearts and think of your  
11 children and grandchildren and don't do this.

12 Thank you for listening.

13 MR. BARRY LAWSON

14 Thank you.

15 Okay. And now we'll hear from Joe Parko, then  
16 Don Clark and Leonard Stark.

17 MR. JOE PARKO

18 Thank you. I'm Joe Parko. I live at  
19 Crossville, Tennessee. I'm a member of the Friends  
20 Committee National Legislation, the Quaker Peace & Justice  
21 Lobby in Washington, DC.

22 I want to focus my comments today on the  
23 chemistry and metallurgy research replacement project in  
24 the Complex Transformation Plan.

25 I understand that the Chemistry & Metallurgy

1 Research Replacement Project would be able to produce 80  
2 plutonium pits annually, the first major nuclear warhead  
3 production since the end of the Cold War.

4 Implementing this project would send a  
5 contradictory message to other countries, such as Iran,  
6 which may be seeking nuclear weapons. While the U.S. is  
7 asking others to forego nuclear arsenals, we are  
8 simultaneously trying to increase our own capacity to  
9 build new nuclear weapons.

10 Such hypocrisy undercuts our ability to control  
11 the nuclear arms race. Congress rebuked the Energy  
12 Department's last request to upgrade the arsenal by  
13 defunding the Reliable Replacement Warhead Project and  
14 last year's proposed mega-scale bomb plant.

15 The Chemistry and Metallurgy Research  
16 Replacement Project is an irresponsible new program that  
17 should be rejected.

18 This is more than an issue of technology. It is  
19 a political and moral issue. The united States does not  
20 need to be building more nuclear weapons. We need to be  
21 dismantling the nuclear weapons we already possess.

22 The united States needs to be a leader in the  
23 movement toward a world free of nuclear weapons. We must  
24 say "no" to weapons whose only purpose is the large scale  
25 destruction of human life. We must transfer our

1 scientific and technological expertise away from nuclear  
2 weapons production and toward nuclear weapons  
3 nonproliferation.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. BARRY LAWSON

6 Thank you.

7 Don Clark and then Leonard Stark and Walter  
8 Stark.

9 MR. DON CLARK

10 I'm Don Clark, representing the Network for  
11 Environmental and Economic Responsibility of the United  
12 Church of Christ.

13 My testimony is five pages' long supported by  
14 over 40 reports and a book, so I have got a lot of reading  
15 material for you. I've changed my thing a couple of times  
16 in the last few minutes. My reprints or the reproductions  
17 I've supplied contain statements endorsed by several  
18 thousand religious leaders of various faiths in the United  
19 States, and they define the nuclear weapons dangers in  
20 quite a bit of detail and with a lot of suggestions on how  
21 to address it.

22 And many of these support in general a statement  
23 in January by three Secretaries of State and Sam Nunn,  
24 calling for a nuclear free world as soon as possible.  
25 Hopefully, you'll take advice from some of these folks.

1           And I also have a Resolution already adopted by  
2   many denominational bodies, several religious orders and  
3   peace and justice organizations. It calls on the United  
4   States Government to lead the way for a global abolition  
5   of nuclear weapons by immediately making a plan for how to  
6   lock down, reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons in a  
7   step-by-step process with ever increasing verification.

8           There is an alternative you need to consider.  
9   And it further goes on, "Until that plan is developed and  
10  fully implemented we will --" And these are all these  
11  religious groups and peoples "-- work with all people of  
12  goodwill to ensure that there will be no new nuclear  
13  weapons, no new materials for nuclear weapons, no testing  
14  of nuclear weapons and no chance that a nuclear weapon can  
15  come into the hands of anyone wishing harm to another  
16  person."

17           With that, I give you the folder.

18                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

19           Thank you, sir.

20           Our next speaker is Leonard Stark, then Walter  
21  Stark and Gene McClure.

22                           MR. LEONARD STARK

23           I'm Leonard Stark from Cumberland County.

24           Members of the hearing committee, we want to  
25  thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our deep

1 concerns with you.

2 I am 85 years old, and my wife is 88. We have  
3 come here to strongly oppose the building of a whole new  
4 and enlarged Nuclear Weapons Complex. We have come on  
5 behalf of our daughter, our granddaughters and their  
6 future children and grandchildren.

7 Building this complex is not a way to make our  
8 country and the world more secure and liveable. In fact,  
9 it would make our nation and the world more insecure and  
10 dangerous.

11 Building such a complex sends a threatening  
12 message to the rest of the world and says, "You must do  
13 the same if you will be able to protect yourselves and  
14 your coming generations from this dangerous country who  
15 wants to build a nuclear threat over your head."

16 This is not the way we want the world to see our  
17 beloved USA where we have lived for over 85 years. Like  
18 you, we would oppose any other nation who would do what is  
19 being proposed for our country. For this reason we oppose  
20 our country doing it.

21 Instead we urge our beloved nation to lead the  
22 other nations in stopping the production of nuclear  
23 weapons and rapidly reducing the stockpiles of weapons  
24 already produced.

25 We need to use our resources in meeting human

1 needs, such as hunger and health in others. I speak as a  
2 retired pastor and wife who have spent our lives teaching  
3 and living the ways of caring, love and peace.

4 Leonard and Betty Stark.

5 MR. BARRY LAWSON

6 Thank you, sir.

7 Now, Walter Stark, Gene McClure and Mary Bryan.

8 MR. WALTER STARK

9 Hello. I'm Walter Stark.

10 On March 5th, 1970, as a signatory to the  
11 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the United States  
12 committed itself, along with other nuclear nations, to  
13 pursue complete nuclear disarmament at an early date.

14 What has happened to this commitment? The  
15 United States has done very little about it in the past 38  
16 years. In fact, we have more nuclear weapons now than we  
17 had in 1970 when the United States signed this Nuclear  
18 Nonproliferation Treaty.

19 Both the United States and Russia still possess  
20 thousands of these weapons pointed at each other,  
21 maintained at Cold War levels of hair-trigger alert. In  
22 1995 Russia mistakenly identified a scientific rocket as a  
23 nuclear missile moving toward Moscow. The Russians came  
24 within minutes of launching their missiles at U.S. cities.  
25 Since then the continuing deterioration of the Russian

1 nuclear systems has only increased this danger.

2 Keeping thousands of nuclear missiles on  
3 hair-trigger alert is an accident waiting to happen. The  
4 chance of a nuclear war starting by mistake or  
5 miscalculation between Russia and the United States is  
6 simply too great to ignore and not do anything about it by  
7 trying to prevent it from happening.

8 MR. BARRY LAWSON

9 Thirty seconds, please, sir.

10 MR. WALTER STARK

11 The Kremlin officials admit that Russia can no  
12 longer maintain this arms -- these that they have -- the  
13 nuclear missiles that they have and that -- It would be  
14 the best thing they could do with Y-12 is to be willing to  
15 take the missiles from Russia and from the United States  
16 and disassemble them and take them off of nuclear alert  
17 completely.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. BARRY LAWSON

20 Thank you very much.

21 The next speaker is Gene McClure and then Mary  
22 Bryan and David Brown.

23 MR. GENE McCLURE

24 Mr. Wyka, Mr. Moderator, thank you for this  
25 opportunity to speak. I appreciate the venue that you've

1 given us. And I appreciate that we live in a great  
2 nation, the greatest in the world, that allows both sides  
3 to speak.

4 I want to start off by saying that I'm proud to  
5 be an American. I would ask you to reflect back in  
6 looking forward that after the attack on Pearl Harbor this  
7 nation looked at this area, looked at this community,  
8 looked at our people, and we answered. We provided what  
9 we needed at that time.

10 Y-12, and this community, is a proud,  
11 professional, patriotic community. They have made great  
12 contributions in the past, and I assure you that they will  
13 make great contributions in the future.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Thank you, sir.

17 The next speaker will be Mary Bryan, followed by  
18 David Brown and Charlie Kuykendall.

19 MS. MARY BROWN

20 Hello, and thank you for the opportunity to  
21 speak today.

22 My name is Mary Bryan. I'm a Knoxville native  
23 and a life-long resident of East Tennessee. I'm here to  
24 talk about my dislike of the alternatives that have been  
25 set forward.

1           Arms control experts, military leaders and  
2 diplomats agree that the United States must show global  
3 leadership toward nuclear disarmament. We don't need  
4 these experts to tell us this. We're hearing this  
5 everyday from other nations all over the world.

6           The Complex Transformation Plan proposes to  
7 build more bombs, as many as 200 a year. Even the  
8 no-action alternative calls for Stockpile Life Extension,  
9 which is just upgrading our arsenal so the warheads will  
10 be reliable for another hundred years.

11           This is not nuclear disarmament. It is, in  
12 fact, dangerous and will provoke nuclear proliferation  
13 from other nations.

14           As Mr. Stark noted, the United States has  
15 commitments to the 1970 Nonproliferation Treaty that  
16 required disarmament. And the Government should be making  
17 a plan for reducing the arsenal to zero rather than  
18 building more weapons and maintaining its stockpile. The  
19 Stockpile Life Extension Program contradicts the  
20 Nonproliferation Treaty and should be discontinued.

21           And I'm not even going to talk about the  
22 millions that could be spent on health care and hunger and  
23 education and all the other things that this world and  
24 this country so sorely needs that other people have  
25 already spoken to today.

1           But why don't we consider a no production  
2 alternative? Under this alternative we could have no  
3 stockpile life extension, no replacement warheads, a  
4 sizeable reduction in the footprint of NNSA, an increase  
5 in security for us and the globe and jobs for workers that  
6 are dismantling the weapons.

7           For the love of our children and the children  
8 around the world nuclear disarmament needs to begin here  
9 at home. The U.S. must meet its Nonproliferation Treaty  
10 obligations to disarm. The U.S. must abandon the  
11 hypocrisy of the nuclear double standard. The U.S. must  
12 stop the Stockpile Life Extension Program, and the U.S.  
13 must demonstrate global leadership toward nuclear  
14 disarmament.

15           I think we can begin the step by just  
16 considering a no production alternative. And I believe  
17 that the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance will be  
18 talking further and developing this idea more in the  
19 coming months.

20           Thank you very much.

21                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

22           Thank you.

23           All right. The next speaker is David Brown,  
24 then Charlie Kuykendall and Gary Whitley.

25                           MR. DAVID BROWN

1           Good afternoon. I'm Dave Brown, President and  
2           General Manager of Manufacturing Sciences Corporation and  
3           Energy Solutions Company.

4           I'm here to affirm that Energy Solutions with  
5           its Oak Ridge based processing facilities and its enriched  
6           uranium manufacturing facilities has supported and will  
7           continue to support the Y-12 mission in Oak Ridge and for  
8           the United States.

9           Specifically, Energy Solutions supports the  
10          efforts to modernize the Y-12 complex as a Uranium Center  
11          of Excellence.

12          We further support completion of the  
13          environmental restoration for future mission work and the  
14          development of programs concentrating in the areas of  
15          crafts and engineering.

16          Thank you.

17                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

18          Thank you, sir.

19          Our next speaker is Charlie Kuykendall and then  
20          Gary Whitley and Mike Bradshaw.

21                           MR. CHARLIE KUYKENDALL

22          I'm Charlie Kuykendall. I represent the  
23          Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees, about 12,000  
24          retirees.

25          Our coalition of retirees strongly supports the

1 DOE and its efforts to transform the Nuclear Weapons  
2 Complex into the Distributed Centers of Excellence. We  
3 agree that this option should provide less costly, safer  
4 and more secure facilities along with better business  
5 practices.

6 Retirees know perhaps better than most that Y-12  
7 was instrumental in securing victory and peace in World  
8 War, and we feel strongly that there is no better way to  
9 maintain peace in the world than for a nation that is  
10 dedicated to democracy and human rights to maintain a  
11 strong nuclear weapons capability. Y-12 should continue  
12 as a key player.

13 In the past 55 years I've had the pleasure and  
14 the privilege of doing work at Los Alamos, Livermore,  
15 Sandia, the Nevada Test Site and Y-12. Most of my work  
16 experience has been here in Oak Ridge.

17 And Y-12 has a reputation for taking on the most  
18 difficult manufacturing jobs and finding ways to meet  
19 demanding schedules. It is excellent at developing  
20 manufacturing technology and manpower needs to support  
21 assigned tasks.

22 We are sure Y-12 will continue to help assure  
23 world peace and national security through its excellent  
24 future performance in the transformed smaller footprint,  
25 more safe and secure, more efficient Center of Excellence

1 as proposed by DOE.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. BARRY LAWSON

4 Thank you.

5 The next speaker is Gary Whitley and then Mike  
6 Bradshaw and G.A. Breeden.

7 MR. GARY WHITLEY

8 My name is Gary Whitley, and I live in Clinton,  
9 Tennessee. I have the honor of being the President of the  
10 Atomic Trades & Labor Council, the organization that  
11 represents 16 international unions with 2100 members,  
12 approximately 1400 at Y-12 and 700 at Oak Ridge National  
13 Laboratory.

14 I'm here today to say that the men and women of  
15 the Atomic Trades & Labor Council support the National  
16 Nuclear Security Administration's plan for transformation  
17 of the Nuclear Weapons Complex, specifically the  
18 Distributed Centers of Excellence, the NNSA's Preferred  
19 Alternative that would allow Y-12 to continue as the  
20 Uranium Center of Excellence, finish the highly enriched  
21 uranium manufacturing facility and build the uranium  
22 processing facility.

23 Y-12 has been successful in carrying out the  
24 critical missions for nearly 65 years. A key to that  
25 success has been and continues to be the strength of the

1 skilled workforce. Because of their levels of training  
2 bargaining employees are uniquely suited for the types of  
3 work performed at Y-12. In fact, some hourly workers at  
4 Y-12 are already training and performing the work of the  
5 new facility at Y-12 and the new technologies that will be  
6 used there. In other words, Y-12 craft workers know their  
7 jobs with levels of skills and experience that are second  
8 to none.

9 For the men and the women of the ATLC safety is  
10 a value, not a priority. The Y-12 complex envisions the  
11 NNSA's Director, Tom D'Agostino, will design safety and  
12 security at all the new facilities. Under the proposed  
13 alternative the new facilities will provide increased  
14 protection of workers, public and environment.

15 Additionally, the plans described under the  
16 proposed alternative would mean a 90 percent reduction in  
17 size of the highly secure area at Y-12, which would mean  
18 enhanced security for consolidated storage and operations  
19 of the multiple old buildings into two modern facilities.

20 Again, let me say that the Atomic Trades & Labor  
21 Council supports NNSA's preferred alternative for complex  
22 transformation and looks forward to working with B&W and  
23 Y-12 and the NNSA to make the transition a reality.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. BARRY LAWSON

1 Thank you.

2 Okay. The next speaker is Mike Bradshaw.

3 Mr. Bradshaw will be followed by G.A. Breeden and Steve  
4 Jones.

5 MR. MIKE BRADSHAW

6 My name is Mike Bradshaw. I'm retired after  
7 having spent 39 years here in Oak Ridge working at the  
8 site, primarily at Y-12.

9 I support alternative two, which essentially  
10 continues the Y-12 mission and construction of a new  
11 uranium processing facility. I understand also that this  
12 is the NNSA's Preferred Alternative.

13 I would like to present a few brief reasons,  
14 most of them obvious, for my asking you to support the  
15 second alternative.

16 Y-12 is already here and is well into the  
17 process of cleanup and modernization. Why go anywhere  
18 else? Y-12'ers have always had a can-do attitude about  
19 their mission. We have a long legacy of taking on the  
20 difficult jobs and completing them successfully. There is  
21 every reason to believe that this attitude will continue  
22 in the future.

23 Y-12 is a vital participant in the local economy  
24 and the job market. Loss of jobs and resulting loss of  
25 dollars would have a devastating impact on our economy.

1 Y-12 is in the process completing the new strategic  
2 facility for enriched uranium for which Y-12 has the  
3 distinction of being America's Fort Knox.

4 I cannot imagine any viable reason for building  
5 another storage facility somewhere else and moving the  
6 material there. From a taxpayer standpoint, this would  
7 make no sense at all. In addition, I suspect that the  
8 cost of packaging or repackaging and transportation would  
9 be a significant and again an unnecessary expenditure.

10 As a retiree and a member of the Coalition of  
11 Oak Ridge Retired Employees, I also have a vested interest  
12 in Y-12 maintaining a corporate entity here. It is  
13 important to me to have to the ability to communicate face  
14 to face with my past employer on benefit plans, questions  
15 or being involved in activities sponsored by Y-12 which  
16 are open to retirees.

17 This may not be important to many of you now,  
18 but just wait until you retire. It takes on a whole  
19 different perspective.

20 Thank you very much.

21 MR. BARRY LAWSON

22 Thank you, sir.

23 Okay. The next speaker is G.A. Breeden and then  
24 Steve Jones and Shirley Cox.

25 MR. G.A. BREEDEN

1           Thank you. My name is G.A. Breeden. I don't  
2           have a silver tongue. I can barely talk. I got my first  
3           badge in July of 1944 as a young kid. I got my next badge  
4           in 1970. Having said that, Y-12 has been one of the best  
5           places I've ever been. It's safe. They have never asked  
6           a job at Y-12 that it did not produce, and it produced it  
7           in time, cheaply, safely. Why would you want to close it  
8           down? I can't believe it. It's a nice place. It's  
9           strictly a rhetorical question. Are you going for  
10          affirmation or are you going to terminate?

11          Thank you.

12                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

13          Thank you, sir.

14          Steve Jones, then Shirley Cox and Kim Bergier.

15                           MR. STEVE JONES

16          Hello. My name is Steve Jones. I've been  
17          employed as a pipefitter at the Y-12 National Security  
18          Complex for 26 years and currently serve as the Recording  
19          Secretary for the Atomic Trades & Labor Council.

20                   The members of the Atomic Trades & Labor Council  
21          represent one of the most skilled workforces anywhere.  
22          Our jobs require us to work with some unique processes and  
23          materials and present challenges which are second to none.

24                   We welcome those challenges and stand ready to  
25          do whatever it takes to make Y-12 the best site in the

1 Nuclear Weapons Complex.

2 The ATLC and Y-12 have been members of this  
3 community for over 60 years and have always shared the  
4 common goal of making Y-12's mission a success.

5 The leadership for the ATLC, along with the  
6 management team at Y-12, are working together to look for  
7 new ways to make Y-12's operation even more efficient.  
8 And we are succeeding.

9 Our members appreciate the good jobs we have  
10 here and support the NNSA's preferred alternative to build  
11 the uranium processing facility here at Y-12 so we can  
12 continue to perform the work we have done for the last 65  
13 years.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. SHIRLEY COX

16 Hi. I'm Shirley Cox. I'm.

17 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

18 Just one second, Miss Cox, please. I have to  
19 announce a few other people here.

20 After Ms. Cox speaks Kim Bergier and then Joann  
21 Felsing.

22 Miss Cox, go ahead.

23 MS. SHIRLEY COX

24 Thank you for the opportunity to speak here  
25 today. I am Shirley Cox, a proud 37-year retiree from

1 Y-12, and now I'm actively involved in the small business  
2 community supporting Y-12 and other NNSA and DOE sites  
3 across the complex.

4 I'm with Hazelwood Enterprises. We are strongly  
5 supporting the Distributed Centers of Excellence in  
6 maintaining that mission of uranium excellence here in Oak  
7 Ridge.

8 Y-12 has the experience. They have the  
9 knowledge, the workforce, as you've heard from many other  
10 people, and it does not make sense to move it anywhere  
11 else.

12 As a taxpayer, I would really hate to see us put  
13 the moneys into relocating very large quantities of highly  
14 enriched uranium to another site when we can use that  
15 money to continue to transition to the newer more modern  
16 complex. That's where we need to go.

17 I guess I would summarize my thoughts and  
18 feelings in three things: It's the safest decision, your  
19 alternative two; it's the most effective from a production  
20 and efficiency throughout all the operations; and it's the  
21 best advantage for the taxpayers.

22 Thank you very much.

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 Thank you.

25 All right. Our next speaker is Kim Bergier and

1       then Joann Felsing and Richard Felsing.

2                               MS. KIM BERGIER

3               Thank you again for holding these hearings.

4       I've submitted a letter to you last week by fax and  
5       e-mail, so I won't repeat that, but I've had more  
6       thoughts, especially as I've been listening to people.

7               I want to give you a little bit of a personal  
8       note. I just ran outside to see my brother Jim who lives  
9       in Sevierville.

10              I'm from Maryville College. I'm a graduate of  
11       Maryville -- I lived in Tennessee six years, but currently  
12       I live in Michigan and have brought down six people with  
13       me -- well, there are six of us this time, and we've had  
14       225 people, individuals -- citizens of Michigan who have  
15       come to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to make a stand against the  
16       production of the new nuclear weapons is -- I think for me  
17       personally is the main objection I have.

18              We feel that if the United States builds new  
19       nuclear weapons, we are giving a green light to the rest  
20       of the world to build nuclear weapons. There is no  
21       security in that at all. We are less secure.

22              If we don't abide by the Nonproliferation  
23       Treaty, who are we to tell any other country they can't  
24       even think about building nuclear weapons? This is a real  
25       concern because the United States could attack Iran as

1 soon as April. This is very current and is not a local  
2 issue. This is an international concern.

3 The money needs to be spent on human needs. We  
4 do not need new nuclear weapons. I do feel that the OREPA  
5 statement for non production is excellent. I support  
6 that. I also think the money and your expertise or the  
7 workers' expertise is needed.

8 Your jobs do need to be here, but it's for  
9 cleanup and for dismantling the nuclear weapons and  
10 abiding by the Nonproliferation Treaty. This is  
11 international law that the United States has signed. It's  
12 not just fluff theory. It's law. It's illegal to break  
13 the Nonproliferation Treaty and to build new nuclear  
14 weapons.

15 The Bush Administration is not known for abiding  
16 by international law. The Bush Administration lied  
17 multiple times in multiple ways to invade Iraq, and I  
18 don't want to go into all that.

19 I want to go back to a personal reason why I am  
20 adamant about this. As a child, a 12-year-old girl, I  
21 visited Hiroshima. My family were Methodist missionaries.  
22 My father went to school with a resident of Tanimoto  
23 (phonetic) who was a Methodist minister, but they went to  
24 school near Atlanta, Georgia. And so we were invited to  
25 visit Revatanimoto (phonetic). As a 12 year old, I had a

1 special tour of the city.

2 I was devastated to see two cities of primarily  
3 civilians destroyed within seconds. But now they're still  
4 suffering. The radiation -- the destruction continues  
5 against innocent civilians so many years later that it's  
6 just a miracle that they've not retaliated.

7 MR. BARRY LAWSON

8 Thirty seconds, please.

9 MS. KIM BERGIER

10 All right. Well, I will just conclude that the  
11 United States -- Going back to the MPT here, the U.S. has  
12 no moral or legal ground to stand on to tell any other  
13 country that they cannot have weapons of mass destruction  
14 when the Bush Administration is building new usable  
15 nuclear weapons with the intention to use them against  
16 named countries, some of them non nuclear.

17 The Bush Administration's nuclear posture review  
18 states potential targets of Iraq, Iran, North Korea,  
19 Serbia, Libya, Russia and China with international emphasis  
20 to end the WMDs the U.S. must abide by the  
21 Nonproliferation Treaty and eliminate its own WMD to even  
22 regain its credibility, especially considering that the  
23 U.S. has more nuclear weapons than the rest of the world  
24 combined.

25 If we claim to be the world's number one

1       superpower, then it's up to us to set an example of the  
2       rest of the world of the abolition of nuclear weapons.

3               So we can use your expertise to keep the highly  
4       enriched uranium secure. Please do that. You need to.

5               Thank you.

6                       MR. BARRY LAWSON

7               Thank you.

8               Paul and Joann Felsing and Richard Felsing and  
9       then Inca Nicholson.

10                      MS. JOANN FELSING

11               Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I  
12       want to say I may be a little bit like a fish out of  
13       water.

14               But before I begin to speak I want to say that I  
15       respect and appreciate all the workers and their passion  
16       for which they are speaking for their jobs, but I think  
17       this cannot be left as a job and economic issue.

18               I come from proud and honorable people with a  
19       long history here in East Tennessee. I was taught in our  
20       fine public schools that I was born into the best country  
21       in the world, an honorable country. I believed that.

22               But as one of the Founding Fathers cautioned us,  
23       "To preserve our freedom the citizenry must be ever  
24       vigilant." I am here today because of all of the above.

25               Let us go back in time to 1970. Some of you may

1 recognize that as the year the U.S. signed the 1970  
2 Nonproliferation Treaty.

3 The proposed Complex Transformation is clearly  
4 proliferation. It is the enduring stockpile of nuclear  
5 weapons. There is no question.

6 It has become fashionable in recent years in  
7 some circles to simply refuse to honor various laws and  
8 treaties that the Government of this country has committed  
9 itself to. Some of the highest people in the land simply  
10 say, "I don't like that one. I'm not going to obey it."

11 We are an honorable people. Honorable people  
12 abide by and honor their commitments, and I would expect  
13 this body here today to pursue that.

14 MR. BARRY LAWSON

15 Thank you.

16 Richard Felsing, then Inca Nicholson and Amy  
17 Nicholson.

18 MR. RICHARD FELSING

19 I'm Richard Felsing, a member of the Friends  
20 Committee on National Legislature, the Society of Friends,  
21 Quakers. Quakers are interested in peace and dialogue and  
22 discussion, mediation and the solution of conflict through  
23 nonviolence.

24 I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you  
25 firsthand and to see firsthand the efforts that our public

1 officials take. It's a humbling experience to appear  
2 before you, and as my wife said, like a fish out of water.

3 I am troubled that there has been no costs  
4 presented for the alternatives that have been described.  
5 How can you buy into any activity if the costs are not  
6 prudently examined and looked at?

7 What has been the old costs of the present  
8 complex that have made you uncomfortable that you have to  
9 consider other alternatives and not present to this body  
10 the probable costs that all of these alternatives mean?  
11 When I make a purchase in my home, I have to consider the  
12 costs involved and what the implications are for my life  
13 style and my quality of living.

14 I would urge you to abolish nuclear weapons in  
15 all forms in all the strength and courage and the  
16 determination that you as a public official and others  
17 might take.

18 Thank you for this chance.

19 MR. BARRY LAWSON

20 Thank you, sir.

21 Okay. Our next speaker is Inca Nicholson, then  
22 Amy Nicholson and Noah Kindfield.

23 MS. INCA NICHOLSON

24 Hi. My name is Inca Nicholson, and I am nine  
25 years old.

1           I think that you have got to be insane. We  
2 don't need another nuclear weapons facility. We need  
3 peace and justice, not war. We need trees, sun and clean  
4 air, not bombs to threaten children in other countries.  
5 War is horrible.

6           Inca Nicholson.

7                         MR. BARRY LAWSON.

8           Amy Nicholson is it?

9                         MS. AMY NICHOLSON

10          I am Amy Nicholson.

11                        MR. BARRY LAWSON.

12          Okay. And then Noah Kindfield and Zack Thomas.

13                        MS. AMY NICHOLSON

14          We gather here today to respond to the  
15 Department of Energy's proposal for a new bomb complex.  
16 We do not need to be starting a new nuclear arms race.

17                 What we must do is abide by the Non  
18 Proliferation Treaty and disarm our current stockpiles.  
19 Building more bombs as a deterrent to war is insane logic.  
20 We already have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the  
21 planet many times over.

22                 The real reason for this is the sick fact that  
23 war and arms production is a very profitable growth  
24 industry for a few large corporations. It pads the  
25 pockets of government officials who use their media

1 connections to breed unfounded fear in society as a  
2 control mechanism.

3 The bomb complex idea is another piece of an  
4 intentionally dysfunctional system which generates  
5 enormous profit to the large military supplies companies  
6 while purporting to be for protecting the nation.

7 Our country and the world cannot afford this  
8 terrible waste of resources and threat of global  
9 destruction. Create jobs building renewable energy  
10 facilities instead.

11 The people of the United States and the world  
12 communities want and need peace, justice and a clean  
13 environment, not global destruction scenarios for miliary  
14 corporatists who feed at the trough of death. Strength  
15 through death.

16 MR. BARRY LAWSON

17 Thank you.

18 Now, Noah Kindfield, Zack Thomas and then Peter  
19 Kindfield.

20 MR. NOAH KINDFIELD

21 I'm Noah Kindfield and the two people preceding  
22 me are from the Farm School in Summertown, Tennessee,  
23 along with myself.

24 And I'd like to start off with a quote, how can  
25 you simultaneously, you know, praise peace and prepare for

1 war? And I think by the buildup of nuclear weapons that  
2 we're experiencing is not encouraging peace in the  
3 universe. It's encouraging violence, which is the last  
4 thing that we need.

5 As a student, child of the next generation, and  
6 most importantly a living being, I would like to extend  
7 this request to anyone with a say in interest in the well-  
8 being of the planet to do anything they can to stop the  
9 proliferation of nuclear weapons for the sake of the  
10 planet and all of its inhabitants.

11 And if this nuclear weapons facility is built,  
12 those responsible for its building will be a direct  
13 obstruction to peace on earth.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Thank you.

17 MR. ZACK THOMAS

18 My name is Zack Thomas. Noah, Peter coming  
19 after me, and the Nicholsons and I are all part of the  
20 Farm School, and I've written a statement. But before I  
21 say that I would like to read -- I'd like to say this.

22 I don't want to force my opinion on anyone. I  
23 am just going to present a couple of facts, and I'm  
24 going to hope that you come to the right conclusion -- I'm  
25 going to pray that you come to the right conclusion.

1           I'd like everyone to think about this. Nuclear  
2 weapons are so powerful they're measured by the  
3 destructive force that it would take -- for the number of  
4 thousands of tons of T&T it would take (inaudible). A  
5 small bomb is about ten kilotons. That's about 22 million  
6 pounds of T&T. Twenty-two million pounds. And we have  
7 thousands of bombs.

8           So while you're at it think about this. Nuclear  
9 energy has been presented as green energy, but it's not.  
10 The first step of getting nuclear energy involves mining  
11 uranium, which is horrible to the planet and also stirs up  
12 a bunch of radioactive material. And then the uranium is  
13 transported vast distances by big diesel trucks before it  
14 reaches the nuclear power plant.

15           You know what? Nuclear power uses more water  
16 than any other source of energy, and then the water is  
17 contaminated and dumped into the ocean. And then finally  
18 you've got nuclear waste, which contaminates anything it  
19 gets close to.

20           And so then what do we do with this nuclear  
21 waste that we can't touch and it's horrible for the  
22 environment? We bury it under ground where it  
23 contaminates the soil, and it pollutes the aquifers, the  
24 underground lakes where we get our tap water and drinking  
25 stuff from.

1           So we can use our valuable resources to make  
2 nuclear weapons or we cannot. I mean, think about it. We  
3 could spend these tax dollars on funding orphanages or  
4 public schools. But you know what? It's not my decision.  
5 It's yours. So the question is do you want 22 million  
6 pounds of T&T in your backyard?

7           Thank you. That's it.

8                         MR. BARRY LAWSON.

9           Thank you.

10           Peter Kindfield and then Sigrid Dale and William  
11 Hickey.

12                         MR. PETER KINDFIELD

13           Hi. I'm Peter Kindfield.

14           The first thing that I wanted to do is to  
15 congratulate our Manager of Documents in having buried one  
16 of the most illogical statements I have ever heard in a  
17 huge amount of doublespeak, euphonisms and anachronisms.

18           You buried the idea that the best way to reduce  
19 our nuclear stockpile is to build more nuclear weapons.  
20 And that's the essence of this proposal, and you've  
21 managed to obscure it very well. So congratulations.

22           I'd like to clarify this point by telling a  
23 little story. The first part is true. I am the Principal  
24 of the Farm School in Summertown, Tennessee.

25           Here the story begins. We have a bully in our

1 school. He insists on keeping a big stash of rocks on our  
2 playground. He has more rocks in his stash than any other  
3 student at the school, and he's the only student at our  
4 school to ever throw a rock at another student as part of  
5 a violent act.

6 He just asked me if I thought it would be okay  
7 for him to add even more rocks to his stockpile, which he  
8 interestingly enough called a Center of Excellence. When  
9 I reminded him that he had promised -- He's an old  
10 student -- way back in 1970, as several of my friends have  
11 reminded us, that he was not going to increase his  
12 stockpile but was instead planning on increasing it, he  
13 told me that only through having far more rocks than any  
14 other student would he be able to detour adversaries from  
15 trying to seek advantage. Of course, I told him, "Go  
16 ahead, increase your rock pile, and thanks for keeping all  
17 of our children safe."

18 To get serious for a moment, I, as my friends,  
19 advocate a no production alternative.

20 I want to say to all the union members here that  
21 I am a huge supporter of the working class, and I value  
22 your work, and I value your commitment to taking care of  
23 your families.

24 And I want you to know that the gentlemen in  
25 suits are not your friends. They're using you. They're

1 taking advantage of your economic insecurity to get you to  
2 push their agenda. I value your work so much -- And as  
3 many of my friends have proposed, there is important work  
4 to be done that, you guys are absolutely right, you're the  
5 best people on the planet trained to do it. And that's  
6 cleaning up the mess that's made your creeks unusable.  
7 You can't even walk around your own streams because you've  
8 been doing these gentlemen's work.

9 I'd like to see that cleaned up, and I'd like to  
10 see you guys have jobs well into the future dismantling  
11 the stockpile that we now have.

12 I'd like to conclude by pointing out that, you  
13 know, we're a peace school, the Farm School, and I don't  
14 teach peace by carrying a big club. Right? I teach peace  
15 by acting in peace. And I suggest you gentlemen might try  
16 the same thing.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. BARRY LAWSON

19 Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Sigrid Dale, then William  
21 Hickey and Jeff Melson.

22 MS. SIGRID DALE

23 Good afternoon. My name is Sigrid Dale. I live  
24 in Warren, Michigan. I'm a member of Pax Christi, which  
25 means Peace of Christ. It's an international Catholic

1 peace movement.

2           Renewing and transforming our nuclear weapons  
3 once more is I believe the last thing we need. Certainly,  
4 doing this will increase danger to the local environment,  
5 the land, the water and the people.

6           Far more worrisome, however, is the danger to  
7 our greater environment and, indeed, that of our whole  
8 planet by this undertaking.

9           I was going to address here the fact that we  
10 must adhere to the Nonproliferation Treaty, but so many  
11 people have already said wonderful things about that so I  
12 will leave that out.

13           But I believe that we must change course now  
14 while we still can, not locking in nuclear weapons as our  
15 permanent tools of fear.

16           As a Christian, I'm reminded of the powerful  
17 words of Indian writer Arundhati Roy, who has said of the  
18 nuclear bomb that it is our challenge to God. We are in  
19 effect saying to our creator, "Everything you have made we  
20 have the power to destroy." This is blasphemy, and I must  
21 object to these immoral plans with all my might.

22           In the last few months famous men who have a  
23 reputation of being hawks, Henry Kissinger and George  
24 Shultz among them, have issued a call for nuclear  
25 disarmament, because they, like Mikhail Gorbachev, have

1       come to realize that nuclear weapons can no longer assure  
2       our security, that, in fact, with every passing year they  
3       make our security more precarious.

4               The only path to security is the path to nuclear  
5       disarmament. Not only Y-12 but other nuclear weapon sites  
6       must close, must truly be transformed.

7               Our country is badly in need of public  
8       transportation. Thousands of jobs here and at other sites  
9       could be created if we started to be serious about taking  
10      care of our environment. Solar and wind power could be  
11      part of a true transformation.

12              For the sake of the lives of our children and  
13      grandchildren and of all life on our precious planet let's  
14      have this true transformation.

15              And I thank you very much.

16                              MR. BARRY LAWSON

17              The next speaker is William Hickey and then Jeff  
18      Melson. After Mr. Melson, we'll take a short break. I'm  
19      hoping that we can keep it to five minutes, but we will  
20      take a short break for obvious reasons.

21              Mr. Hickey, please.

22                              MR. WILLIAM HICKEY

23              Thank you. I am Bill Hickey. I'm here from  
24      Detroit, Michigan, and a member of the Gesu Catholic  
25      Church Peace and Justice Committee. Also standing with

1 me, although you can't see her, is my wife Billie, who  
2 could not make the trip down this time but has been to Oak  
3 Ridge before.

4 Even if we meet all of the safeguards for the  
5 smaller environment, the land, the water, the air around  
6 Oak Ridge, which is doubtful I think, we will still end up  
7 terrorizing and poisoning the larger environment, which  
8 includes my grandkids, who are representatives of the  
9 children of the world, some of which have already spoken  
10 here this afternoon, the demands of International Law and  
11 our flawed and fearful human nature.

12 So I want to speak about these parts of the  
13 larger environment. First, my grandkids, and they're here  
14 with me. I take them most places on this coffee cup here.  
15 Their pictures are here.

16 When I was in grade school in the 1950s, we  
17 often practiced what to do in a nuclear attack. Maybe  
18 some of you here did the same thing. I wish I could have  
19 gone to the Peace Farm, but I didn't. We got under our  
20 desk, and we cowered.

21 Three years ago my wife and I toured the atomic  
22 bomb museum in Hiroshima, Japan, and we saw school  
23 children's lunch boxes that were just fused masses of  
24 metal.

25 There's a picture of one out in the hallway

1 outside in one of the exhibits. School desks are no match  
2 for a nuclear holocaust. In fact, there is no protection,  
3 none.

4 Is this the environment that we want bequeath to  
5 our grandchildren, life under the constant threat of a  
6 world so full of nuclear weapons that they can at any  
7 moment be simply and indiscriminately vaporized by them?

8 One look at our grandchildren will tell us that  
9 we must do everything in our power to spare them and all  
10 the world's children this legacy of terror.

11 Second, the demands of International Law have  
12 also been spoken about by others here this afternoon when  
13 they mentioned the United States signing of the Nuclear  
14 Nonproliferation Treaty. We are bound by that law, as  
15 they have said.

16 So to keep, increase and extend the life of our  
17 nuclear weapons while threatening other nations who want  
18 to develop them is hypocritical, immoral and illegal. And  
19 ultimately it's doomed to failure, because it's our very  
20 grasping after these weapons that makes other nations  
21 think they have to have them as well.

22 So the complex transformation that's really  
23 needed here is the one that is spelled out by OREPA. It's  
24 the non production. It's the dismantling of our nuclear  
25 arsenal. And as the gentleman from the Peace Farm said

1     you have here in Oak Ridge the most skilled and the best  
2     qualified workers to do that.

3             I come from Michigan. We have the highest  
4     unemployment in the country, and I'm critically aware of  
5     the need for good jobs. And there is a good job in terms  
6     of dismantling this arsenal.

7                     MR. BARRY LAWSON

8             Thirty seconds, please.

9                     MR. WILLIAM HICKEY

10            And finally our flawed and fearful human nature.  
11    The temptation to enforce our national security interest  
12    and protect our way of life is too great to resist. We  
13    know this because we're the only country that has used  
14    these weapons. And we have recently engaged in preemptive  
15    warfare.

16            No less a cold warrior than George Kennan had  
17    our flawed and fearful human nature in mind when he made  
18    the following eloquent plea to world leaders, "For the  
19    love of God, for the love of your children and the  
20    civilization to which you belong, cease this madness. You  
21    are mortal men. You are capable of error. You have no  
22    right to hold in your hands -- there is no one wise enough  
23    strong enough to hold in his hands -- destructive power  
24    sufficient to put an end to civilized life on a great  
25    portion of our planet."

1           So in summary, the three above cornerstones of  
2 the larger environment will never support, nor ultimately  
3 survive, the impact of complex transformation.

4           As a grandfather, as a citizen of a nation of  
5 laws, and as a follower of Jesus, who dared to call our  
6 flawed and fearful selves to put away the sword and to  
7 love even our enemies, I urge you to change your preferred  
8 alternative to the total dismantlement of these weapons  
9 only, to the OREPA non production alternative.

10           Thank you.

11                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

12           All right. Thank you.

13           Our next speaker is Jeff Melson.

14                           MR. JEFF MELSON

15           Thank you, Mr. Wyka, Mr. Moderator. I'm Jeff  
16 Melson. I'm a resident of Rockwood, Tennessee. I've been  
17 a member of the workforce at Y-12 for over five years.  
18 I'm also a member of the International Brotherhood of  
19 Boilermakers, Local 453, and here representing those  
20 members.

21           We fully support the preferred alternative for  
22 the Distributed Centers of Excellence as described in the  
23 Complex Transformation Draft, the SPEIS.

24           We also support the uranium processing facility  
25 being located here at Y-12. Y-12 has a trained workforce,

1 management and infrastructure to fulfill NNSA's, the U.S.  
2 Department of Energy and the DOD's nuclear mission.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. BARRY LAWSON

5 Thank you, sir.

6 Okay. In just a minute I'm going to call a very  
7 short recess. Before I do let me just say the first three  
8 speakers when we come back will be Earl Johnson, Terry  
9 Bowers and Karl Meyer.

10 And when I call a recess, I know some people  
11 will leave, and you are certainly welcome, but I hope that  
12 you will stay.

13 If you are leaving, I want to thank you very  
14 much for coming and participating and for those of you who  
15 have already spoken for your thoughtful comments and by  
16 large staying within our time demands. Nevertheless, even  
17 at the rate that we're going we will probably go beyond  
18 five.

19 I'm going to say that we will go only until  
20 five, because we will need an hour break to get ready for  
21 the session tonight. So if we don't get to you or if we  
22 don't stick to our average of two minutes or a little bit  
23 more than that, I hope that you can return tonight.

24 And if any of you have the option to return  
25 tonight, you may want to tell me that so that we can make

1       sure those who cannot come back tonight have an  
2       opportunity to speak this afternoon.

3               We'll take a five-minute break, and we'll start  
4       up at -- It's 2:30, so 2:35. Thank you.

5                               (Recess Taken)

6                               MR. BARRY LAWSON

7               Okay. This is the story. I have five more  
8       people who have signed up, and I have two who said they  
9       would go to this evening. So I can almost predict that we  
10       will not get everybody in before five o'clock. I'll do  
11       what I can -- Of course, it's all up to the speakers and  
12       how rapid we can move along, but I'll do my best to keep  
13       the ball rolling.

14               Our next speaker is Earl Johnson, and  
15       Mr. Johnson will be followed by Terry Bowers and Karl  
16       Meyer.

17               Is Mr. Johnson here?

18               MR. JOHNSON: Right here.

19                               MR. BARRY LAWSON

20               All right, sir.

21                               MR. EARL JOHNSON

22               Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to make  
23       a comment.

24               My name is William Earl Johnson, and I live at  
25       841 New Hope Road in Rockwood, Tennessee. I'm the Vice

1 President of Atomic Trades & Labor Council.

2 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

3 Just a minute, sir. Let's make sure we get the  
4 mics on.

5 MR. EARL JOHNSON

6 Is it on?

7 MR. BARRY LAWSON

8 Okay. Try it now, sir.

9 MR. EARL JOHNSON

10 Can you hear me now?

11 MR. BARRY LAWSON

12 Go ahead and speak up, and we'll listen.

13 MR. EARL JOHNSON

14 My name is William Earl Johnson, and I live at  
15 841 New Hope Road in Rockwood, Tennessee. I'm the Vice  
16 President of the Atomic Trades & Labor Council, an  
17 organization which represents 1400 employees at the Y-12  
18 National Security Complex.

19 I'm also the Business Agent for the Heat and  
20 Frost Insulators and Asbestos workers at Oak Ridge, Local  
21 52. So I have to wear a dual hat here. But I'm here to  
22 say that the men and women of the Atomic Trades & Labor  
23 Council supports the National Nuclear Security  
24 Administration's plan for transformation of the Nuclear  
25 Weapons Complex, especially the Distributed Centers of

1 Excellence alternative, NNSA's preferred alternative.  
2 That would allow Y-12 to continue as a Uranium Center of  
3 Excellence, finish the highly enriched uranium  
4 manufacturing building and build a uranium processing  
5 plant.

6 Y-12 has been successful in carrying out  
7 critical national security missions for nearly 65 years.  
8 The key to that success has been and continues to be the  
9 strength of its skilled workforce because of the level of  
10 training bargaining employees are uniquely suited to  
11 perform the type of work performed at Y-12.

12 Again, let me say the ATLC supports the NNSA's  
13 preferred alternative for complex transformation and looks  
14 forward to working together with the B&W, Y-12 and NNSA to  
15 make this transformation a reality.

16 And these are good jobs. Thank you.

17 MR. BARRY LAWSON

18 Thank you, sir.

19 My next speaker is Terry Bowers, then Karl Meyer  
20 and Sharon O'Hara-Bruce.

21 MR. TERRY BOWERS

22 Hello. I'm Terry Bowers from Knoxville,  
23 Tennessee, an ironworker by trade. I've been working at  
24 Y-12 for 26 years. And we support this mission of Y-12  
25 and the storage facility and the UPF. And also the Knox

1 Building Trades support this. This is the construction  
2 side of the house out of Knoxville, Tennessee, which we  
3 have maintenance and construction people both working at  
4 the Y-12 site.

5 We appreciate you people having us here today,  
6 and we're going to continue on and do good work at Y-12.  
7 And we'd like to see this money spent in this valley. And  
8 we support our Congressmen and Senators. We appreciate  
9 what they have done and what they say about Y-12 and all  
10 the elected officials and the Senators and Congressmen.  
11 And we'd would like to see this money spent in this valley  
12 for these jobs and for the economical standpoint for Oak  
13 Ridge.

14 And when you say "Y-12", Y-12 is Oak Ridge. And  
15 like I say we appreciate it, and we want to continue on  
16 with the support of the Government in these jobs, and  
17 hopefully we'll have our daughters and our grandchildren  
18 working at this plant in the future. And I appreciate  
19 you.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BARRY LAWSON

22 Thank you.

23 The next speaker is Karl Meyer, then Sharon  
24 O'Hara-Bruce and Randy Vineyard.

25 MR. KARL MEYER

1           My name is Karl Meyer from Nashville Greenlands,  
2           a community devoted to sustainable natural environment for  
3           our world community, based on peace. I'm 70 years old. I  
4           was raised under the shadow of the atom bombs that were  
5           created in part here in Oak Ridge. I was eight years old  
6           when two of those bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and  
7           Nagasaki. And that was when I became conscious of it and  
8           became concerned about the same age as this young girl,  
9           Inca Nicholson, who spoke a little bit earlier.

10           I've devoted a large part of my adult life  
11           working for genuine world security based on eliminating  
12           all nuclear weapons, the abolition of war, and a world  
13           community that would be safe for all people, rooted in  
14           peaceful international cooperation.

15           There are no such things as safe and secure  
16           nuclear weapons. They are inherently the most dangerous  
17           things on earth. I support your goals of reducing the  
18           number of nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal and storing  
19           the materials under less dangerous conditions, but I  
20           cannot support any overall plan that does not aim at total  
21           abolition of all nuclear weapons and the least dangerous  
22           system for dismantling them and using or storing the  
23           radioactive materials left over. Through universal --  
24           These have to be done through universal international  
25           agreements and treaties.

1           After 50 years of activism for the abolition of  
2 nuclear weapons, including a number of months spent in  
3 federal prisons, I was recently astounded to be joined in  
4 the goal of total abolition of nuclear weapons by such  
5 retired luminaries of the military and industrial complex  
6 as former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger, George  
7 Schultz, James Baker, Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell,  
8 also former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, Melvin  
9 Laird, Warren Cohen and former Georgia Senator, Sam Nunn,  
10 all of who signed the statement calling for the need to  
11 eliminate nuclear weapons completely from this planet.

12           So, Sisters and Brothers, let's get on with the  
13 challenge of eliminating all nuclear weapons rather than  
14 refurbishing them at Y-12.

15                   MR. BARRY LAWSON

16           Thank you, sir.

17           The next speaker is Sharon O'Hara-Bruce, then  
18 Randy Vineyard and Eva Irwin.

19                   MS. SHARON O'HARA-BRUCE

20           First of all, I am proud to say that I come here  
21 from Detroit, Michigan, to this beautiful city. I want to  
22 give thanks for the hospitality that I've received from  
23 some of the people in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Knoxville.  
24 And I'm very honored to be here.

25           I am here to testify in opposition to the

1 modernization of nuclear weapons. Like the previous  
2 speaker, I agree with the goal in part with dismantling  
3 and reducing the nuclear stockpiles. I understand that  
4 was mentioned as part of the plan, and I agree with that.

5 But again like the previous speaker, I believe  
6 that we need to comply with the Nonproliferation Treaty we  
7 signed in 1970, which is a commitment toward nuclear  
8 disarmament And abolition.

9 There is no realistic way to make nuclear  
10 weapons safer --

11 (A loud speaker announcement was  
12 played, not reported.)

13 MS. SHARON O'HARA-BRUCE

14 Hopefully, that won't count as part of my time.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Where did you get that idea?

17 (Laughter.)

18 Please, continue.

19 MS. SHARON O'HARA-BRUCE

20 In Native American tradition there is a belief  
21 called the Seven Generations. Every major decision that  
22 is made by a community or tribe must be evaluated in light  
23 of its impact on the next seven generations.

24 And the question that I put out is how does this  
25 decision that you will be making affect the next seven

1 generations?

2 I am a mother and a grandmother of two  
3 grandchildren, Brandon, age eight, and Michael, who is  
4 four years old. How will the decision to modernize  
5 nuclear weapons affect my grandchildren and yours and  
6 their children and the children of their children?

7 We are at a crossroads. The decision that you  
8 will make will affect the next seven generations. That  
9 is, assuming that there will be seven more generations.

10 We have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the  
11 entire planet, as I understand, and all that lives 30  
12 times over right now. I have been told that we have more  
13 nuclear weapons than all of the rest of the nuclear  
14 nations put together.

15 As a nation, we have become addicted to fear and  
16 to violence as a basis for what our leaders refer to as  
17 national security. Our use of nuclear weapons to bully  
18 non nuclear nations with threat of first strike attacks  
19 and preemptive wars is a symptom of this madness.

20 MR. BARRY LAWSON

21 Thirty seconds, please.

22 MS. SHARON O'HARA-BRUCE

23 I would like to conclude with a Seventh Fire  
24 prophecy, which was made by a Native American in Native  
25 American tradition that describes the situation we're in

1 today. He said that, "There would come a time where the  
2 waters have been so poisoned that the animals and plants  
3 that live there would fall sick and begin to die. Much of  
4 the forest and prairies would be gone so that the air  
5 would begin to use lose the power of life. The way of the  
6 mind brought to the red, black and yellow nations by the  
7 white nation would bring danger to the whole earth.

8 "In this time there will arise a new people who  
9 will emerge from the clouds of the illusion. They will  
10 retrace their steps to find the treasures that have been  
11 left by the trail. The stories that have been lost will  
12 be returned to them. They will remember the original  
13 instructions and find strength in the way of the circle."

14 It is time now for us to awaken as a people and  
15 to be about the business of living.

16 MR. BARRY LAWSON

17 All right. Our next speaker is Randy Vineyard,  
18 then Eva Irwin and then Clysta Johnson.

19 RANDY VINEYARD

20 Thank you. My name is Randy Vineyard, and I'm  
21 with the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, a resident of Knox  
22 County, Tennessee.

23 I have a letter here from our CEO and President,  
24 Mike Edwards, to Mr. Wyka. And I will just summarize that  
25 with three salient points.

1           We support the transformation of the Nuclear  
2 Weapons Complex to make it smaller, more responsive, safer  
3 and more secure.

4           We support the NNSA's work to modernize the Y-12  
5 complex, including the completion of the special materials  
6 storage facility at Y-12 and the construction of the new  
7 uranium production facility.

8           As part of this activity we want to work with  
9 the NNSA and DOE's Management Program to finish the  
10 cleanup needed on the site.

11           Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

12                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

13           Thank you, sir.

14           All right. The next speaker is Eva Irwin, then  
15 Clysta Johnson and Jon Blickenstaff.

16                           MS. EVA IRWIN

17           I thank you for the opportunity to come and  
18 speak. It isn't great we live to a country where we can  
19 come to a public hearing, and each one of us can say what  
20 we want to say and say our opinions without fear of  
21 retribution.

22           I live in Norris, Tennessee. I've been employed  
23 by Y-12 for the last 18 years. I support the Preferred  
24 Alternative as well as the provision for complex  
25 transformation.

1           I've had the opportunity to work with both labor  
2           and management, and I'd like the NNSA to recognize we have  
3           a diverse workforce here at Y-12. We have a workforce  
4           that's committed to transition and modernization. We have  
5           a workforce that is committed and that can implement these  
6           changes safely and securely. We have a workforce that's  
7           qualified to meet the DOE's requirements and that of the  
8           national security needs.

9           Thank you.

10                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

11           Thank you.

12           Clysta Johnson. No?

13           Jon Blickenstaff.

14           Woody Duncan. Following Mr. Duncan would be Bob  
15           Marion and Don Muldrew.

16                           MR. WOODY DUNCAN

17           My wife tells me I'm a man of few words, so I'm  
18           going to be brief and to the point. My name is Woody  
19           Duncan, and I've been at Y-12 for 34 years. And I fully  
20           support Y-12's mission.

21           And we do have a highly trained, skilled and  
22           dedicated workforce who wants to continue that mission to  
23           serve this great country.

24           Thank you.

25                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

1 Thank you, sir.

2 Bob Marion, then Don Muldrew and Elizabeth  
3 Barger.

4 MR. BOB MARION

5 Good afternoon. My name is Bob Marion. I've  
6 been here at Y-12 a little over a year and a half. I  
7 transferred from the Nevada Test Site in maintenance out  
8 there. From 1970 to 2000 I served in the United States  
9 Air Force. I was honored to be able to serve. I was  
10 honored to be able to serve on two Strategic Air Command  
11 bases where we had B-52s that were on nuclear alert  
12 twenty-four/seven, 365 days a year.

13 I feel in my heart that I was part of that  
14 mission, and because of that mission we are free and able  
15 to express our opinions and views here today.

16 By working at the Nevada Test Site and by coming  
17 here to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, I am truly humbled and  
18 honored to work here and serve the country in the defense  
19 of this nation.

20 I support the UPF facility. I support the Y-12  
21 mission in every way possible, and I feel that it is truly  
22 necessary for world peace and for us to be a great nation  
23 and not be overrun by any third world nation or anybody  
24 who tries to overrun us; and if called, I would go back in  
25 the military today to serve my country.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. BARRY LAWSON

3 Thank you, sir.

4 Don Muldrew. No?

5 Elizabeth Barger, please, and then Rick Chinn  
6 and then Candace Boyd.

7 MS. ELIZABETH BARGER

8 Hi. I'm glad a few people stayed to hear the  
9 rest of us out. My name is Elizabeth Barger. I live in  
10 Tennessee, and I'm an American citizen who loves my  
11 country. And as a poet and an artist I live on the edge  
12 of incredible beauty and awe overlooking a gulf of terror  
13 and despair caused by insane greed for power and control  
14 from the thrones of empire.

15 We have to stop and think of the immorality of  
16 war. People speak of atomic energy as clean, but the  
17 truth is it is the dirtiest polluter of all.

18 We talk about nuclear weapons as tactical or  
19 deterrent, but in truth they are mutually destructive. We  
20 forget that at our peril.

21 In the process of enriching uranium for power or  
22 weapons we produce a product that is so caustic it eats  
23 away most of its storage containers. It is toxic and  
24 radioactive and affects DNA and has a half life of 4.5  
25 billion -- billion -- years.

1           We have sown this depleted uranium in the  
2   Balkans. We are sowing the seeds of death and mutation in  
3   Iraq and Afghanistan. Our troops bring it home in their  
4   bodies. We have caused death and disease in American  
5   populations, especially Native Americans, where  
6   destructive mining processes have encroached upon their  
7   sacred places and polluted our ancient aquifers.

8           All this waste lasts forever, and we are running  
9   out of places to store it. Tennessee already has no place  
10  to send the waste it produces, and the facility under  
11  Yucca Flats called Serpent Mountain because it's a very  
12  apt to earthquakes and is over an extensive aquifer is  
13  unsafe, and Nevada won't take it.

14          We have people in this Government who are  
15  determined to bomb and kill thousands of innocent men,  
16  women and children in Iran because we want them to not  
17  develop atomic capability.

18          The U.S. has been arrogant and loose in the  
19  truth of this issue. And we are the only country that has  
20  used atomic weapons against civilian and military targets.

21          Listen to the cries of the people. (Indian  
22  chant.) "Our children are dead. Our people are dying.  
23  Beautiful women fall by in the atomic rain of war. The  
24  dust of destruction lives in our seeds, foreboding strange  
25  changes, lying seven times seven over our generations, who

1 must look into the dark glass of pain.

2 "Oh, the laughter cuts so hard. A smile dies in  
3 vein. Effrem, my son, my son, where are your eyes? Where  
4 are your little hands I want to hold. My heart is wrung  
5 dry with anger. Will there be enough tears in my sorrow  
6 to even sustain despair?

7 "We breathe the ends of fire sifting in through  
8 the window form rather than children calling in, 'There  
9 comes the awful storm.'"

10 And rather than use all the good intelligence  
11 and can-do work ethic of this area -- let's use it to  
12 produce disarmament, to develop alternative energy and to  
13 work for resolving conflict peaceably.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Thank you.

17 Our next speaker is Rick Chinn and then Candace  
18 Boyd and Bill Troy.

19 MR. RICK CHINN, JR.

20 Hello. My name is Rick Chinn, Jr. I live in  
21 Clinton, Tennessee.

22 I come representing the Anderson County Chamber  
23 of Commerce. We do not have a written statement prepared,  
24 but I would like to submit that we would like to pledge  
25 our support to the letter signed by the local Mayors and

1 submitted by Mayor Beehan by signing our name at the  
2 bottom.

3 We do support the preferred alternative. The  
4 economic impact of Y-12 and DOE is extremely important to  
5 Oak Ridge and to Anderson County and East Tennessee as a  
6 whole.

7 In my real job I work in R & R Properties, a  
8 small family business here in Oak Ridge. We are local  
9 landowners and property managers. We are definitely  
10 concerned about the environmental impact of Y-12 and what  
11 happens with the work that goes on here, but we are  
12 convinced that this preferred alternative is the best  
13 solution.

14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. BARRY LAWSON

16 Thank you, sir.

17 The next speaker is Candace Boyd. Is Candace  
18 Boyd here?

19 Bill Troy?

20 All right. Dot Sulock. Okay. Thank you.

21 And following Miss Sulock will be Rickey Wilson.

22 Is Mr. Wilson here?

23 Z.A. Breeden?

24 Chuck Haynes?

25 Virginia Jones?

1                    Doug Sexton? You'll be I guess after Miss Boyd.

2                    Is that right?

3                    MS. DOT SULLOCK

4                    Sullock.

5                    MR. BARRY LAWSON

6                    Oh, Sullock. We're down to you. That's good.

7                    All right. Great. Thank you for your patience. Please,

8                    go ahead.

9                    MS. DOT SULLOCK

10                    Oh, I want to thank you for hearing out these  
11                    voices and so forth and saying, like probably everyone in  
12                    this room, I'm interested in peace, and I'm interested in  
13                    safety in particular.

14                    I come here from Asheville where I teach a  
15                    course on nuclear weapons and nuclear power, so I know  
16                    something about it.

17                    I think that it's a matter of common sense  
18                    really to think that your plans for downsizing the complex  
19                    are really good, that you should be working in that  
20                    direction. And I actually agree with everyone who said  
21                    that you should be thinking of disarmament and working the  
22                    complex down so that we can achieve a world where we  
23                    actually could survive.

24                    It seems like a matter of common sense to me to  
25                    think of our small planet with a burgeoning population and

1 diminishing water resources, diminishing resources of all  
2 kinds and, what other people have said here today, human  
3 fallibility.

4 We have sort of a bumper stick in our country  
5 that says, "Power of Pride", and then it has a flag like  
6 that. Both power and pride are among the seven deadly  
7 sins. What we need to do is learn to live with the  
8 world's peoples.

9 And we have to be thinking about spending the  
10 money that our little 4.6 percent of the population is  
11 spending half of the world's military spending trying to  
12 make ourselves safe, and we can't make ourselves safe in  
13 that way.

14 So I want to applaud your downsizing of the  
15 complex. I want to encourage you to work on disarmament  
16 kinds of things and to understand that if the world is  
17 going to survive in the long run we have to have a  
18 different paradigm. We have to figure out how to live  
19 with the people of the world, how to feed people, how to  
20 educate them.

21 And I want to congratulate also Oak Ridge  
22 National Lab for the wonderful work it does in the  
23 environmental areas, working on renewable energy things.  
24 It's a real leader in the nation in its renewable energy  
25 section. And so you can kind of imagine shifting people

1 over into renewable energy and so forth and understanding  
2 that any security the nation will ever achieve has to come  
3 from things like renewable energy, learning how to live  
4 with the peoples of the world, helping other people.

5 Everything we need to know we really learned in  
6 kindergarten, share, be nice to people. That way you'll  
7 have friends, and you'll be safer.

8 So I would like to be safe, and I hope you're  
9 part of it. Thanks.

10 MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

11 And Doug Sexton?

12 And let me just see if people are here. Shane  
13 Deichman? You will be next.

14 And Frances Lamberts or Brita Larson Clark --  
15 Okay. You'll be the third speaker.

16 Please.

17 MR. DOUG SEXTON

18 I'm Doug Sexton. I'm a 30-year member of  
19 Ironworkers Local Union 34 in Knoxville, Tennessee. And  
20 I'm here in support of the preferred alternative.

21 And I can't think of a more secured site for the  
22 uranium processing facility to be located.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

25 Thank you.

1           Okay. Shane Deichman, then Brita Larson Clark  
2           and Linda Modica.

3           Please, sir.

4                       MR. SHANE DEICHMAN

5           Good afternoon. Thank you. My name is Shane  
6           Deichman. I'm a resident of Oak Ridge. My grandmother  
7           and grandfather were both Marines in the Pacific theater  
8           during World War II. And I believe the only reason they  
9           survived to have seven children, including my father, was  
10          because of the work down here at Y-12.

11          History has proven that nuclear weapons have a  
12          stabilizing effect on international relations and  
13          prevented the Cold War from becoming hot.

14          We have seen the danger of marginalizing the  
15          nuclear mission focus such as last year's inadvertent  
16          shipment of several nuclear arms Cruise missiles from an  
17          air force base in North Dakota to Louisiana.

18          Just two weeks ago the Defense Science Board  
19          published their findings on that incident, blaming it on  
20          the dilution of focus by nuclear mission specialists.

21          Our continued security in an uncertain world  
22          depends on a stable, credible and focused nuclear  
23          deterrent, which is why I believe the Consolidated Center  
24          of Excellence alternative, centered here at Y-12, is the  
25          best choice for NNSA.

1           Oak Ridge was born to solve our nation's  
2 security challenges. It has the community infrastructure  
3 of a skilled workforce, electrical and ground water  
4 availability, and a high quality educational structure.

5           And it is Oak Ridge's success that allows all of  
6 us to freely express our views here today regardless of  
7 whether we are for or against this important work.

8           Thank you.

9                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

10          Thank you, sir.

11          Frances Lamberts, Brita Larson Clark, Linda  
12 Modica and Rachael Bliss.

13                           MR. FRANCES LAMBERTS

14          Hi. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.  
15 I'm Frances Lamberts. I'm a citizen -- I'm a resident,  
16 not of this town, but of Jonesboro, Tennessee.

17          And I have brought some longer written comments,  
18 which I'll just hand in, but on the substantive issue with  
19 regard to complex transformation, let me just say that I,  
20 too, very strongly agree with the sentiment that our  
21 former security and defense officials have expressed in  
22 the Wall Street Journal with regard to our real security  
23 in today's world is not with expanding nuclear weapons but  
24 with honoring that part of the nuclear Nonproliferation  
25 Treaty of working as quickly as we can toward disarmament.

1           And I would suggest since you've been speaking  
2 about -- this is about kind of a half life of the nuclear  
3 arsenal maybe we ought to take this as an opportunity to  
4 further reduce and phase it out.

5           And in short I'm against a re modernizing and  
6 the expenditure and research and resources to upgrade our  
7 Nuclear Weapons Complex.

8           If I might just add one process-related comment,  
9 which goes back to something a speaker very early said,  
10 and that relates to public participation. I think the  
11 suggestion by the earlier speaker was that you as an  
12 agency ought to really pay attention to the comments from  
13 the local participants and presumably disregard those, you  
14 know, that come from, quote, you know, people outside.

15           Now, I know as an agency under NEPA you are not  
16 going to do that, and I hope you're not going to do this.  
17 I would, however, like to suggest; A, I think it's a very  
18 good of you to hold many public hearings on this issue in  
19 different parts of the country, but I would suggest that  
20 you ought to hold these hearings in places that are more  
21 neutral to the issue instead of very clearly when you hold  
22 it in places that happen to be such a facility there is I  
23 believe a strong, inherent bias.

24           And as an agency under NEPA you are really  
25 interested in a more representative sample, which also

1 happens to be statistically much more valid of what the  
2 public opinion is.

3 And so thanking you for holding the public  
4 hearings, I would suggest -- And I really appreciate the  
5 many people who have come, as they say, to hold a  
6 pilgrimage to be able to speak on this issue. And thank  
7 you for holding the hearings.

8 MR. BARRY LAWSON

9 Thank you.

10 MS. BRITA LARSON CLARK

11 My name is Brita Clark. I live in Johnson City,  
12 Tennessee. I want alternative five myself, which is to  
13 dismantle our nuclear arsenal. We don't need the nuclear  
14 weapons. We cannot stop other countries from developing  
15 them by pursuing more and more of our own. Nuclear  
16 weapons do not make us more secure. They imperil our  
17 security.

18 And the lust for nuclear weapons diminishes our  
19 nation in the eyes of the world. And while it is doing  
20 this it poisons our citizens, particularly the citizens of  
21 the communities in which these weapons are built. It  
22 drains critical resources from what we really need for a  
23 secure country, good health care, good education, good  
24 infrastructure.

25 And, more importantly, it's just flat wrong to

1 build nuclear weapons. They are an affront to humanity.  
2 They are obscene, and they shame our nation.

3 MR. BARRY LAWSON

4 Thank you.

5 Our next speaker is Linda Modica and then  
6 Rachael Bliss.

7 And is Pam Osmand here? Okay. You would be the  
8 third speaker.

9 Is Woods Nash here or Erik Johnson?

10 Okay. You'll be on deck.

11 Miss Modica, please.

12 MS. LINDA MODICA

13 Thank you and thank you for having the hearing.

14 I'm going to not reiterate the sentiments of my  
15 fellow peacemakers, though I do also welcome them to  
16 Tennessee. We traveled here from Jonesboro, just a little  
17 over a hundred miles from here. So I applaud those who  
18 made the long trek to speak at this hearing.

19 I want to speak, though, as a mother and a  
20 taxpayer. The more important role I play is as a mother.  
21 And I want to tell you just some personal things that I  
22 have experienced in my time of growing up in New Jersey,  
23 just across the river from Manhattan where during the  
24 Cuban missile crisis those of us who were young at the  
25 time, about the age of the wonderful little girl who spoke

1 before, were assigned to the stockpiling of food down in  
2 the basements and figuring out where in your house was the  
3 place to survive a nuclear attack.

4 We were as I said living just outside of New  
5 York City at the time. It made an impression on me. So  
6 as I became old enough to vote, I participated in the  
7 protests in New York to oppose the bomb and called for --  
8 as a young woman for the dismantlement of our nuclear  
9 arsenal.

10 I'll be 55 next month. I'm no longer a young  
11 woman, but now I am a mother and I am still calling for  
12 the dismantlement of our nuclear arsenal. And I would --  
13 But I do applaud the effort that's been put into the part  
14 of this environmental impact study that does transform the  
15 complex.

16 But I do pray -- and I will make more extensive  
17 comments on how to do this more specifically for the true  
18 transformation.

19 When this project was called Complex 2030, I  
20 think the NNSA was being more forthright with the public,  
21 that this was a long-term proposal.

22 While transformation in the vernacular really  
23 does imply that there is going to be a reformation, I  
24 don't see that in this proposal. Another thing I don't  
25 see in this proposal are good statistics on the health

1 impacts to what's call the offsite population.

2 As a taxpayer -- I told you I live in Jonesboro.  
3 I am definitely offsite but possibly also an exposed  
4 individual. There is a new report that was done by your  
5 agency in October 2007, DOE/EIS-0240-FA1. And I highly  
6 recommend that your statisticians who have developed the  
7 estimates on offsite population exposure to radiation from  
8 the materials that are being manipulated by the workers  
9 who themselves are exposed take into consideration this  
10 supplement analysis that was done by the NNSA.

11 MR. BARRY LAWSON

12 Thirty seconds, please.

13 MS. LINDA MODICA

14 So thank you. I really am -- also believe that  
15 all taxpayers in the United States have a right to make a  
16 comment and to urge our Government to do what we as  
17 taxpayers and as citizens and as voters would like.

18 And so I agree with Frances Lamberts' comment  
19 and urge the Department to expand the number of hearings,  
20 to extend -- and if it's necessary to extend the deadline  
21 for comments in order to accommodate the folks in other  
22 parts of the country who likewise are affected by this  
23 proposal.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. BARRY LAWSON

1 Thank you.

2 Okay. Rachael Bliss, to be followed by Pam  
3 Osmand and Erik Johnson.

4 MS. RACHAEL BLISS

5 Good afternoon. I'm Rachael Bliss. I come from  
6 Kingsport, Tennessee, home of Tennessee Eastman, who was  
7 one of the key players that helped the Manhattan Project  
8 get started.

9 Nevertheless, I'm here today to show my  
10 disapproval of the alternatives that are given. And I  
11 suggest alternative number five of dismantling and the  
12 carrying out of the Nonproliferation Treaty that was  
13 signed in 1970.

14 Like many of the other speakers who have spoken,  
15 I have children. And I also spoke at a hearing with TVA a  
16 few months ago. I have a daughter who was born in 1982.  
17 We went to the World's Fair, and we saw how renewable and  
18 alternative energy would be used shortly if we just had  
19 patience back in 1982. Well, my daughter is now 26 years  
20 old, and we're still just thinking about renewable energy.

21 Then I have a daughter named Randy, who was born  
22 in 1970 when the Nonproliferation Treaty was signed. She  
23 now has my grandchild. And what are we doing since 1970?  
24 We are talking about instead of nonproliferation building  
25 stronger and more powerful bombs.

1           I feel responsible. I have brought these  
2 children into the world, and I'm sure you've brought  
3 children into the world as well. We have made all kinds  
4 of great promises for our children, but then we back away.  
5 We think, well, we'll let the future generations think  
6 about that. We've got to be pragmatic.

7           Well, I am being pragmatic today. I am saying  
8 that we must abide by our treaties. How many treaties  
9 have we broken with the Indian nation? And the same is  
10 with this treaty that we are turning a blind eye to.

11           Like Linda, I grew up fearing the atomic bomb.  
12 I grew up by Offutt Air Force Base. Every time I heard a  
13 plane fly over I was wondering if that was the Russians  
14 coming to get us.

15           And what are we doing to the mental abilities of  
16 our children? We are scaring them. And I think we're  
17 scaring them more by building more powerful bombs than by  
18 dismantling our bombs and seeing other countries do the  
19 same. Will China and Russia and maybe other countries --  
20 will they follow our lead? I mean, we already have a bad  
21 reputation out there of being an imperialistic power.  
22 This is not going to help our image.

23                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

24           Thirty seconds, please. Are you through?

25                           MS. RACHAEL BLISS

1           Yeah.

2                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

3           Okay. Thank you so much.

4           Our next speaker is Pam Osmand, then Erik  
5 Johnson and then Jim Toren.

6           Is Jim Toren here?

7           Is Parker Hardy here?

8           Please.

9                           MS. PAM OSMAND

10          Hello. I'm Pam Osmand, and I'm from Knoxville.  
11 And I'm just here to say that I am against the complex  
12 transformation and that I do feel that the United States  
13 of America to be an honorable country must honor their  
14 signing of the Nonproliferation Treaty in 1970.

15          Thank you.

16                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

17          Thank you, ma'am.

18          Erik Johnson and then Parker Hardy and Jan  
19 McNally.

20                           MR. ERIK JOHNSON

21          My name is Erik Johnson, and I live in Maryville  
22 with my wife. We have five children and three  
23 grandchildren. I've been a Presbyterian Minister and  
24 served churches for over 30 years.

25          I have come to emphatically denounce the plans

1 that have been presented to us for consideration as  
2 offensive to a God -- a creating God of love and justice,  
3 as an affront to a nonviolent Christ that calls us to live  
4 without any threat in our hearts, in our minds, toward our  
5 neighbors and our enemies, and as an instrument of terror  
6 of a system that is held over the world, bomb after bomb,  
7 year after year. And it's a denial and it's a refusal to  
8 honor international peace treaties to which we have  
9 signed.

10 In the report that you've presented from the  
11 Scoping that I spoke at last year I brought my world  
12 community into your presence in mission 33,000 plus people  
13 that you heard from, but you didn't mention the five to  
14 six billion people that I brought into your presence who  
15 are affected adversely by the maintenance, the production  
16 and the threat of use of these weapons of mass  
17 destruction.

18 In that community comprised not only of people  
19 from like the Island of Yap in Micronesia, from Namibia  
20 and Morocco and Mongolia, from the Redwood Forest in  
21 California to the Gulf-stream water, include the countless  
22 beings that we share this earth with.

23 So this plan perpetuates the continual threat to  
24 our global family that includes the plant life. It  
25 includes the hemlocks, the magnolia trees, the palm trees.

1 It includes the chipmunks and the red cheek salamanders in  
2 the Smoky Mountains. It includes the rivers and the  
3 streams that are supposed to flow freely for justice. It  
4 threatens everything that we share life with that God has  
5 given to us.

6 And so I want to bring them into your presence.  
7 I want you to imagine billions of people who have no voice  
8 at this hearing. I want you to hear them and to listen.  
9 They're saying, "Listen to us."

10 So I support the proposal of the Oak Ridge  
11 Environmental Peace Alliance, of which I am a member, not  
12 only to dismantle but to dispose of these weapons.

13 Currently there are people who have the capacity  
14 upon hearing the code words to begin to push the button  
15 where these weapons will be launched from the sea, from  
16 the air and from the land.

17 So I would like to additionally add to that  
18 proposal some things that you can do today and tonight to  
19 begin to place in your heart and act on them.

20 MR. BARRY LAWSON

21 Thirty seconds, please.

22 MR. ERIK JOHNSON

23 The first thing is to begin to remove the  
24 submarines off their courses, the strategic bombers off  
25 their flight course and secure the hatches and then remove

1 these warheads, these missiles, and the warheads and bring  
2 them back to Y-12 and dismantle them and safely dispose of  
3 them and then begin to honor and recognize the creative  
4 gifts of our workers and place those gifts in service of  
5 building up the human community rather than building  
6 weapons of mass destruction and free them to enjoy life  
7 that can be preserved rather than be threatened.

8           And so I think part of what is lacking in this  
9 report is the capacity of imagination of having the five  
10 to six billion people here, of having Henry Kissinger here  
11 and George Shultz and others who vehemently say we don't  
12 need these, even people from military experience, and  
13 hearing the people who -- the hundred thousand people in  
14 each of those cities who died and the survivors of  
15 Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- having them here and having my  
16 children and my grandchildren and all the children stand  
17 here and crowd this auditorium and say, "Listen to us. Do  
18 away with that this plan and begin to chart a new  
19 direction for our country.

20                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

21           Thank you, sir.

22           All right. Parker Hardy, Jan McNally.

23           Is Rob Jago here?

24           Is Jan McNally here, by the way?

25                           MS. JAN McNALLY

1 Yes.

2 MR. BARRY LAWSON

3 Okay. And Mary Dennis Lentsch.

4 How about Ralph Hutchinson?

5 Mr. Hardy, how are you?

6 MR. PARKER HARDY

7 My name is Parker Hardy. I'm the President and  
8 Chief Executive Officer of the Oak Ridge Chamber of  
9 Commerce. We're a 700-member business and trade  
10 association.

11 Our mission is to enhance the economic vitality  
12 of the greater Oak Ridge community. Our leadership has  
13 elected to support the preferred alternative that will  
14 lead to the ongoing efforts to modernize the Y-12 Complex,  
15 particularly the efforts to build the new uranium  
16 production facility and Uranium Center of Excellence, to  
17 build on Y-12's excellence as a world-wide center of  
18 uranium technology and to implement the integrated  
19 facilities disposition plan to complete the environmental  
20 restoration of the site for future mission work.

21 We also want to partner with the state and local  
22 organizations to develop a program to create a workforce  
23 for the future, particularly in the areas of crafts and  
24 engineering that will be associated with the preferred  
25 alternative.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. BARRY LAWSON

3 Thank you.

4 The next speaker is Jan McNally, then Mary  
5 Dennis Lentsch and Ralph Hutchinson.

6 MS. JAN McNALLY

7 Jan McNally. As current Chair of East Tennessee  
8 Economic Council, I'm here to represent the views of that  
9 organization, which are to support the preferred  
10 alternative that has been developed by NNSA.

11 We know that Oak Ridge was created to serve as a  
12 major component of our nation's strategic security  
13 program. That mission has very much been woven into the  
14 basic fabric of our community over the years since its  
15 creation, and it exists still today as a vital force that  
16 we take great pride in and are committed to seeing  
17 persevere.

18 As ever changing and new security challenges  
19 confront our nation we as a community continue to see  
20 ourselves as a part of that solution.

21 Y-12, and indeed the entire NNSA Complex, is in  
22 need of transformation. We believe that Oak Ridge is the  
23 place where transformation and innovation have been,  
24 continue to be and will be successful. And the evidence  
25 of this is powerfully apparent around us. It can be seen

1 in our workplaces, our health care facilities, our schools  
2 and even in our governing bodies.

3 We believe we have demonstrated to NNSA in their  
4 search for solutions to the 21st Century challenges a  
5 creative culture and a continuous drive for excellence  
6 that provide the foundation for finding those solutions.

7 Perhaps most importantly we think we have the  
8 courage and the commitment to implement the changes needed  
9 to bring those solutions to fruition.

10 Finally, the work that has been done here in the  
11 past, the work of the present and the solutions for the  
12 future are critically important to our nation and to us as  
13 Oak Ridge community members.

14 We're pleased and indeed proud that Oak Ridge  
15 and the Y-12 site has been selected as the Preferred  
16 Alternative for the uranium Center of Excellence as a  
17 result of the evaluation you've conducted today.

18 It's an affirmation of what we have long  
19 believed. Y-12 has performed its mission and it's done so  
20 well for the past 65 years. It should continue to play a  
21 vital role in our nation's security programs well into the  
22 future.

23 That mission is highly important to us as Oak  
24 Ridgers but much more importantly as citizens of our  
25 country. It rises in importance far above numbers of

1 jobs, local or regional economic indicators.

2 So as a community and speaking for the East  
3 Tennessee Economic Council, we stand ready to continue  
4 that proud and treasured role in helping to maintain the  
5 national security of our nation.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. BARRY LAWSON

8 Thank you, ma'am.

9 Mary Dennis Lentsch, Ralph Hutchinson and James  
10 Lester.

11 Miss Lentsch.

12 MS. MARY DENNIS LENTSCH

13 I'm Mary Dennis Lentsch, and I live here in Oak  
14 Ridge, Tennessee.

15 I am opposed to all the alternatives presented  
16 by the NNSA and DOE. I believe we must dismantle and  
17 abolish all nuclear weapons.

18 I walk my dog and have spent time in federal  
19 prison in Anderson County Jail for protesting nuclear  
20 weapon production here at Y-12.

21 It is a recognized fact that nuclear weapons are  
22 instruments of death and massive destruction. They  
23 release immense quantities of heat and energy and also  
24 powerful and prolonged radiation. Their destructive power  
25 cannot be contained in space or time, and they have the

1 potential to destroy all civilization and the entire  
2 ecosystem on the planet.

3 The Department of Energy claims that the Complex  
4 Transformation Plan is, quote, The vision for a smaller,  
5 safer, more secure and less expensive Nuclear Weapons  
6 Complex, end of quote.

7 I believe the most safe, secure and least  
8 expensive nuclear weapons are the ones we don't build at  
9 all.

10 We have rejected Complex 2030, and today we are  
11 facing a decision about complex transformation. I  
12 strongly recommend we move ahead to Complex Peace, Complex  
13 P-e-a-c-e.

14 In Complex Peace I envision the United States  
15 taking world leadership where all nations work together  
16 for peace in creative ways, advancing together step by  
17 step, stage by stage, until general and complete  
18 disarmament has been achieved.

19 Since the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty was  
20 signed by the United States in 1970 citizens have walked  
21 the tightrope between despair and hope. Despair that the  
22 United States is violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation  
23 Treaty by continuing to build and strengthen our nuclear  
24 arsenal, and hope that decision makers will come to their  
25 senses and honor the obligations of the Nuclear

1 Nonproliferation Treaty.

2           In the fall of 1961 John F. Kennedy spoke before  
3 the United Nations, and I quote a portion of that speech,  
4 "Today every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate  
5 the day when this planet may no longer be habitable.  
6 Every man, woman and child lives under a nuclear Sword of  
7 Damocles, hanging by the slenderest of threads capable of  
8 being cut at any moment by accident, miscalculation or by  
9 madness. The weapons of war must be abolished before they  
10 abolish us." These words are as true in 2008 as they were  
11 when JFK spoke them in 1961.

12           I believe Complex Transformation gives a warped  
13 approach to true national security. We must reject the  
14 idea that our security can be built on nuclear weapons and  
15 think of creative ways to save all people and our planet.

16                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

17           Thirty seconds, please.

18                           MS. MARY DENNIS LENTSCH

19           In closing I hope for a future where there will  
20 be total justice, fullness of life for everyone and peace  
21 for our planet.

22           My hope is in the spirit of Martin Luther King  
23 when he said, Hope is the final refusal to give up". So I  
24 will continue to protest, to speak and act in opposition  
25 to nuclear weapons and war.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. BARRY LAWSON

3 Thank you.

4 The next speaker is Ralph Hutchinson to be  
5 followed by James Lester and Linda Ewald.

6 MR. RALPH HUTCHISON

7 Thank you, Barry. Thank you, Ted, all of you  
8 who are here to take our comments today.

9 I'll try to be succinct. First, the Draft  
10 Supplemental PEIS is deficient in its failure to respond  
11 adequately to 33,000 public Scoping comments, more than  
12 32,000 of which advocated a weapons complex that produces  
13 no bombs.

14 In response DOE scaled back its wish list to a  
15 capacity based weapons complex, which builds only 80  
16 warheads a year. This is not an adequate response. The  
17 PEIS must fully develop and analyze a no production  
18 alternative.

19 Given the recent declarations by former national  
20 security, arms control, military and diplomatic leaders  
21 that the U.S. must take practical steps now to lead the  
22 world to complete disarmament, it is reasonable to project  
23 the weapons complex that produces no bombs.

24 This programmatic EIS must under law analyze all  
25 reasonable alternatives; and, therefore, it must analyze

1 this option as a serious possibility.

2 Is it reasonable to imagine a world where the  
3 United States is fully compliant with its obligations  
4 under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty? If it is, then  
5 we are headed toward a future which contains a weapons  
6 complex that is dedicated to disassembly, dismantlement  
7 and disposition.

8 The question then is is it time now? This  
9 question is answered by the leaders from around the world  
10 who declare it is crucial that we take concrete practical  
11 steps now.

12 The no-production alternative will end the  
13 Stockpile Life Extension Program, will abandon the pursuit  
14 of new nuclear weapons design. It will dramatically  
15 reduce the footprint of the weapons complex. It will free  
16 up significant funds for environmental restoration work.  
17 It will employ a full and vigorous workforce for decades,  
18 addressing the backlog of weapons awaiting dismantlement  
19 and disposition. It will support U.S. efforts to stop  
20 nuclear proliferation, and it will place us on the right  
21 side of the Nonproliferation Treaty.

22 Second, imagine we are each asked to paint a  
23 picture of the future with nice watercolors and we're  
24 given a similar set of brushes and paints. But instead of  
25 each of us being given a clean canvas to paint I receive a

1 brown, smeared canvas, and you, Ted, you get a crumpled  
2 tin can to paint, and Mr. Lawson gets an old rubber tire  
3 to paint on, and Erik Johnson gets a stained piece of  
4 cloth.

5           How do we compare our paintings when we're  
6 finished? The Draft SPEIS presumes to evaluate  
7 environmental impacts and has several charts comparing the  
8 impacts of the alternatives at various weapons sites, but  
9 these comparisons are fatally flawed in that they seem to  
10 assume that each site starts out equally.

11           In fact, profound environmental contamination of  
12 various kinds at each of these sites is responsible for  
13 radical differences in the baseline in the canvas, if you  
14 will, of these sites.

15           At Y-12, for instance, according to this draft  
16 document, samples of surface water -- surface water, not  
17 ground water -- in 2004 showed cadmium, copper, Mercury at  
18 two locations and zinc in concentrations exceeding the  
19 Tennessee Water Criteria. At one station 284 Mercury  
20 samples exceeded the criteria. If that's a daily  
21 measuring, that means more than three out of four days  
22 they exceeded the water quality criteria.

23           In order to adequately compare environmental  
24 impacts in making programmatic decisions, which is the  
25 central purpose of this document, you must start with the

1 real world, must fully characterize and describe each  
2 site's starting point and go from there. Otherwise, these  
3 comparisons have little meaning.

4 MR. BARRY LAWSON

5 Thirty seconds, please.

6 MR. RALPH HUTCHINSON

7 Third, the Supplemental PEIS may not be used to  
8 site the uranium processing facility at Y-12. It may  
9 designate Y-12 as a preferred location for a UPF, but  
10 until a complete EIS at Y-12, which has been in the works  
11 for a year longer than this process and still has not  
12 produced a draft -- until that EIS is completed no final  
13 decision can be made about siting a uranium facility at  
14 Y-12.

15 And I know you, Mr. Wyka, you assured me on the  
16 phone that this would not be the case, but my experience  
17 with programmatic EISs has told me differently.

18 I don't want to arrive here in eight months to  
19 be told, "Whether or not we do it is not on that table.  
20 That decision was made in the SPEIS." Any decision made  
21 in this process must be provisional, and I'm putting that  
22 on the record today.

23 Finally, for almost 20 years I've been coming to  
24 hearings in Oak Ridge to advocate for an end to weapons  
25 production, responsible environmental restoration,

1 protection of workers and public health.

2 Sometimes it seems like we're watching the same  
3 movie over and over again and only the name of the  
4 document changes, but not today. Today history has come  
5 to meet us. Our call for a weapons complex that produces  
6 no bomb resonates with the leading authorities on security  
7 in this country. We stand at a pivotal moment. Even  
8 Congress with its call for a reevaluation of our nuclear  
9 policy in order to determine what kind of weapons complex  
10 truly meets the security needs of our country recognizes  
11 this.

12 I understand that Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Shultz  
13 and folks have pulled the carpet out from under this  
14 document. It's not clear that DOE understands that yet.

15 Last paragraph, Barry.

16 So history meets us here and history will judge  
17 us. History will count who among us took steps to free  
18 future generations from the nuclear chokehold under which  
19 my generation grew up. We can make history. We can write  
20 the future we want for our children and all the world's  
21 children. It can be safer if we can be free of at least  
22 this one monstrous fear that all the world could disappear  
23 in a single afternoon.

24 The time is ripe, to use NEPA language, and the  
25 Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

1 on Complex Transformation must include as a reasonable  
2 alternative the future of a weapons complex that produces  
3 no bombs.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. BARRY LAWSON

6 Thank you.

7 Okay. Our next speaker is James Lester, then  
8 Linda Ewald and then Gerald Bone.

9 MR. JAMES LESTER

10 I'm Jim Lester from Knoxville, Tennessee, and  
11 I'm speaking for myself.

12 The official subject of today's hearing is  
13 Complex Transformation. That's not a phrase that we use  
14 in our everyday conversation, but the people to whom we  
15 are directing these comments know very well what it means.  
16 It means building a new, very expensive weapons complex,  
17 billions of dollars to construct and hundreds of billions  
18 to operate, to ensure that the United States will for  
19 years to come have more bombs and more destructive bombs  
20 than all the rest of the world.

21 What a tragic goal. It's already tragic that we  
22 have right now the largest inventory of nuclear bombs and  
23 that the Department of Energy's currently active program  
24 of Stockpile Life Extension is day by day refurbishing and  
25 upgrading yesterday's bombs, so that we will always have

1 the largest arsenal ready and waiting for immediate use.

2 We can do better. Please, kill the project,  
3 Complex Transformation.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. BARRY LAWSON

6 Thank you, sir.

7 Linda Ewald, Gerald Bone and Tupper Morehead.

8 MS. LINDA EWALD

9 My name is Linda Ewald. I was born in  
10 Knoxville. I live in Knox County. And you're going to  
11 hear this message until somebody gets it.

12 There is a dragon in the room that the Draft  
13 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Complex  
14 Transformation ignores, the policy of the United States  
15 Government to ensure continued nuclear weapons production.

16 At the Scoping hearings of this proposal over  
17 33,000 comments said the U.S. commitment to the Nuclear  
18 Nonproliferation Treaty requires disarmament, which  
19 Stockpile Life Extension, reliable replacement warheads  
20 and complex transformation violates.

21 Still missing is an alternative that meets our  
22 Nonproliferation Treaty obligations by stopping nuclear  
23 weapons production and discontinuing the Stockpile Life  
24 Extension Program.

25 The four proposed alternatives all work to

1 continue production and maintenance of nuclear weapons.  
2 These decisions send a dangerous message to the rest of  
3 the world and will provoke a new global nuclear arms race.

4 The united States spends more than forty billion  
5 dollars a year maintaining the nuclear stockpile. The  
6 pronounced complex transformation will cost tens of  
7 billions of dollars more while our social and  
8 infrastructure needs are unmet.

9 Pursuing a disarmament alternative would not end  
10 work at Y-12. Full employment would be needed to  
11 dismantle the nuclear weapons backlog and safely clean up  
12 the past environmental contamination, which continues to  
13 threaten the communities.

14 This planned complex transformation represents a  
15 failure to imagine a world without nuclear weapons. It's  
16 time to acknowledge the dragon and honor our  
17 nonproliferation commitment by choosing an alternative  
18 that stops nuclear weapons production and dismantles the  
19 nuclear stockpile.

20 It's time for transformative work that leads to  
21 global nuclear disarmament, starting here in Oak Ridge in  
22 our own country. A safer, more secure world for all is  
23 possible.

24 Thank you for your time and attention.

25 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

1 Thank you very much.

2 Okay. Gerald Bone, then Tupper Morehead and  
3 Bill Wilcox.

4 MR. GERALD BONE

5 I feel compelled to preface my comments with a  
6 paragraph that I added here. My comments are not about  
7 our country. They're about our Government. Contrary to  
8 what another speaker has said, I do not believe nuclear  
9 weapons ensure any of our freedoms. Only our insistence  
10 on using our freedoms ensures those freedoms.

11 I would add that in the face of the great  
12 attacks the federal government has waged against our  
13 freedoms men of honor, like yourselves, are to be  
14 especially commended for keeping this hearing open even to  
15 the most discouraging and contrary words.

16 I'm here to speak against any plans to build new  
17 nuclear weapons, to refurbish old weapons or to do  
18 anything with nuclear weapons except dismantle them and  
19 then secure the waste where it cannot harm anyone in this  
20 century or for centuries undreamed of.

21 I speak as a member of OREPA and a member of  
22 Veterans For Peace. I speak as a father and grandfather  
23 and great grandfather. I speak as an America who served  
24 his country in his youth and who had hoped to live in  
25 peace in his old age.

1           Let's talk a little about history. I feel  
2 especially qualified to talk about history because at the  
3 age of 68 I've lived quite a bit of it.

4           When they said that the bombing of Hiroshima and  
5 Nagasaki were necessary for American victory, they lied.  
6 They not only lied but they hid the truth about the bomb  
7 and its effects from the American people for 40 years.

8           Perhaps they thought that the charred bodies of  
9 Japanese children in those photographs looked a little too  
10 much like the charred bodies of American children. So  
11 they lied, and they hid the truth.

12           Just months after World War II ended they gave  
13 us another total enemy upon which to focus our hatred, our  
14 fear, our suspicion. It was indistinct and threatening,  
15 somewhere out there over the horizon, some foreign power  
16 to replace the Germans and the Japanese. They gave us  
17 Russia, then China.

18           What they didn't give us was the truth. They  
19 lied us into the Korean War. They lied throughout the  
20 Cold War. They lied about Russia's nuclear capabilities  
21 in order to keep the U.S. military complex fat and happy.  
22 They lied about decent Americans, whose only crime was to  
23 be suspicious of the intentions of the warmakers and  
24 weapons producers.

25           They lied to the children of the '50s when they

1 told us that crawling under our desk would protect us if  
2 those nasty Russians or Chinese Reds should ever drop the  
3 big one. But, interestingly enough, some of us children  
4 of the '50s saw through out the lies. I remember one of  
5 my schoolmates telling us how to survive a nuclear attack,  
6 "Crawl under your desk," he advised, "cover the back of  
7 your neck with both hands, stick your head between your  
8 knees and kiss your butt good-bye."

9 That was, of course, when it was still possible  
10 to learn critical thinking in American public schools --

11 MR. BARRY LAWSON

12 Thirty seconds, please.

13 MR. GERALD BONE

14 -- before Fox News and the relentless sound  
15 machine spewing forth lie after lie after lie. I won't go  
16 into the other history of the lies. I'll skip to the end.

17 This country is almost alone in the world when  
18 it comes to the idea of nuclear weapons having a potential  
19 to bring security and peace to the world.

20 In this part of the country, East Tennessee,  
21 business boosters can turn out a long list of county and  
22 city Mayors to support the lunacy of continued nuclear  
23 weapons production and development but elsewhere people  
24 are pressing for, dreaming of, a world without nuclear  
25 weapons.

1           Mayors for Peace recently added 46 new member  
2 cities, including the American cities of Evanston,  
3 Illinois, and Brockton, Massachusetts. This brings the  
4 number of Mayors For Peace cities to over two thousand  
5 worldwide. I look forward to the day when East Tennessee  
6 cities, maybe even Knoxville and Oak Ridge, will join  
7 them.

8           This Project Complex Transformation is not about  
9 defense. It is not even about job security for a handful  
10 of engineers, technicians and security personnel. This  
11 project is about maintaining the already grotesquely  
12 bloated defense budget at a time when our citizens are  
13 losing their homes, their health care and security in old  
14 age, which was thought to be the right of every American.

15           This project is about denying the world's  
16 children the right to live in safety and security, freed  
17 at last from the fear of nuclear holocaust. Let's stop  
18 this project right now.

19                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

20           Thank you.

21           Tupper Morehead.

22           Is Bill Wilcox here? He's gone.

23           Is Wolf Nuegeli here?

24           Chris Lugo. Okay. Chris, you would be the next  
25 speaker.

1           And how about John Van Der Harst?

2           You will be the third speaker. Thank you.

3           Please, Mr. Morehead.

4                           MR. TUPPER MOREHEAD

5           My name is Tupper, and I'm a Franciscan.

6           Franciscans throughout the world are characterized by  
7           three traits pretty much in all religious Orders  
8           throughout the world.

9                           The first characteristic is a preferential  
10          option for the poor. We're very aware of poverty in the  
11          world, and we believe that that is the greatest security  
12          threat to any country when it continues to oppress the  
13          poor. For the first time in this country, in this world,  
14          we're able to eliminate extreme poverty if we commit  
15          ourselves to it.

16                           Spending money on nuclear arms and nuclear  
17          weapons instead of the elimination of extreme poverty and  
18          addressing the millennium development goals is immoral and  
19          there is no need to react in fear to everything that goes  
20          on in this world.

21                           We need to have a preferential option for the  
22          poor, and that is the greatest security threat to this  
23          country.

24                           Secondly, Franciscans have a radical commitment  
25          to nonviolence. Violence begets violence. And I speak in

1 the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I'm not going to give  
2 you any other document because you have the documents  
3 before you pretty much every week in Chapters 5 through 7  
4 of the good news of Jesus according to Matthew in the  
5 sermon on the Mount. And I speak in that name. We need  
6 to have a radical commitment to nonviolence.

7 Thirdly, Franciscans have a vivid sense of the  
8 sacramentality of creation. We do not feel that we should  
9 do anything which will destroy this earth as we know as it  
10 was created. This world is sacramental. Let us not be  
11 the agents of its destruction.

12 Besides being a Franciscan, I do live here. I  
13 live in Northern Anderson County. I am a physician. I  
14 have been blessed and honored for the last four and a half  
15 years to serve as a Public Health Officer in Campbell,  
16 Claiborne, Morgan, Scott, Union and Anderson County where  
17 we sit today.

18 This is an environmental issue we're addressing  
19 today. As a physician, I believe that this creates a  
20 tremendous environmental threat to this area, to this  
21 state, to this country.

22 And I have studied it. I have look at it. I  
23 have looked at the statistics. And I feel that there can  
24 be no improvement in the quality of the air, the quality  
25 of the water, or the quality of human life by making

1 nuclear bombs in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

2 If anything, we need to dismantle the nuclear  
3 facilities, the nuclear bombs and concentrate on energy,  
4 nuclear energy and clean energy, nuclear medicine and  
5 dismantle the destructive nature of bombs.

6 MR. BARRY LAWSON

7 Thirty seconds, please.

8 MR. TUPPER MOREHEAD

9 Thank you.

10 An individual named A.J. Musty made the  
11 statement, "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."  
12 That should be the first thing. We need to be a peaceful  
13 people.

14 And we're in a nation that has a document that  
15 we all deal with everyday. It's called the dollar bill,  
16 and it's written on there -- That's the document that I  
17 will give you, that says, "In God we trust," not in our  
18 Government, not in bombs. We trust in God, and I implore  
19 you to take that into consideration.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BARRY LAWSON

22 Thank you, sir.

23 Chris Lugo and then John van der Harst and  
24 Deborah Sam.

25 CHRIS LUGO

1           Good afternoon. My name is Chris Lugo. I am a  
2 democratic candidate for the United States Senate here in  
3 Tennessee.

4           I would like to thank all of you who have stayed  
5 here to this point, gathering our public opinions. I'd  
6 like to thank you, our trade unionists, who are here  
7 representing workers at the Oak Ridge -- representing the  
8 IBEW. I would like to thank our elected officials who  
9 came and gave comment.

10           I would also very much like to thank our peace  
11 community who has come here to speak and present a really  
12 important part of this dialogue.

13           I think that the most important thing that we  
14 need to remember is that this is not an us-versus-them  
15 discussion. I think that there are ways to find solutions  
16 that are able to meet everyone's needs.

17           I think that the service members who have spoken  
18 here, who are concerned about national security, represent  
19 a legitimate perspective that needs to be heard.

20           I also think that the peace activists who are  
21 coming and speaking about national security and about  
22 moving forward with true international stability have an  
23 important perspective that needs to be heard.

24           We're not -- I know that we're clapping for  
25 different sides, but it's really not us versus them. I

1 mean, we're really all in this together. We have the same  
2 kind of security objectives for our country. We want to  
3 live in a world that is a safe place for our children to  
4 grow up. We want to live in a world that has, you know, a  
5 good and a secure future.

6 You know, having said all of this and having  
7 heard all the different perspectives, I do, you know,  
8 stand firmly behind the peace community on this particular  
9 issue.

10 I do agree that the Nuclear Nonproliferation  
11 Treaty is international law and that we need to move in  
12 the direction of abiding by international law to the best  
13 of our ability.

14 I do understand the fears and the security  
15 concerns that are raised by, you know, members of our  
16 community regarding having some kind of safety, but the  
17 truth is that we really are creating the greatest threat  
18 right now to international security by holding these  
19 bombs.

20 And we need to step down from this. Leaders of  
21 the world, elective leaders of the United States, have  
22 spoken clearly on this, republicans, democrats, retired  
23 generals, that we need to move away from the nuclear  
24 precipice.

25 And I do thank the administrations that have

1 worked so far to dismantle what bombs have been  
2 dismantled, but we need to move further and further away  
3 from the stockpile that we have right now.

4 So I would support any plan that was proposed  
5 that would make Oak Ridge National Laboratories, the Y-12  
6 National Complex, a no-bomb production facility that was  
7 primarily dedicated to dismantlement and environmental  
8 cleanup.

9 Thank you.

10 MR. BARRY LAWSON.

11 Thank you.

12 John van der Harst and then Deborah Sam and  
13 Glenn Carroll.

14 MR. VAN DER HARST

15 John van der Harst, Green Party, Middle  
16 Tennessee.

17 I think that since the 1970 Nuclear  
18 Nonproliferation Treaty has not been rescinded by the  
19 current government we have -- It still is fully in effect,  
20 and, therefore, proceeding with anything like this can  
21 only be validly done with options that are compatible with  
22 that existing law. The only option that fully meets that  
23 is, as Ralph Hutchison mentioned, no new weapons. And  
24 that was not in the options that were presented to us.

25 So for that reason this whole public hearing

1 process is improper because the prior work that needed to  
2 be done prior to public hearings has not been done.

3 In addition to that, another reason why the  
4 public hearings need to be started over basically is that  
5 the stakeholders are not proportionally represented.

6 In the event of some nuclear attack in this  
7 country the primary targets are going to be population  
8 centers. They probably wouldn't even hit Oak Ridge  
9 because such a country that would dare to attack this  
10 country with nuclear weapons would want to keep this  
11 complex and just take it over.

12 So, you know, when you have people coming down  
13 here from Detroit to have to be at this hearing -- That is  
14 just ridiculous. That does not meet the normal standards  
15 for a public hearing.

16 Also the language of the preparatory materials  
17 that have been put up for people are clearly biased with a  
18 lot of euphemisms that do not present the material in a  
19 evenhanded way to members of different sides of this  
20 issue. And surely the people that put this together are  
21 aware of the different sides on this issue. There's been  
22 a long history, so there's no excuse for that having been  
23 done to the language of the preparatory materials prior to  
24 this hearing.

25 Another reason that these hearings are really

1 not properly held is that the material needs to include a  
2 broad health risk assessment done by impartial parties  
3 that looks at things like what the dollars could be spent  
4 on other than that that would impact the health and  
5 well-being of American citizens. It doesn't do that.

6 MR. BARRY LAWSON

7 Thirty seconds, please.

8 MR. VAN DER HARST

9 So once again we're going through this exercise,  
10 and unfortunately it's circumstances that shouldn't be at  
11 this stage of the game.

12 So I think this project as it's presented  
13 amounts to basically pork. And the dollars could be much  
14 better spent elsewhere. The same dollars -- No production  
15 increases should be a part of this. There is no need for  
16 that, and it's in contradiction to the --

17 Do I have any time left or is that it?

18 MR. BARRY LAWSON

19 No, that was it.

20 MR. VAN DER HARST

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BARRY LAWSON

23 Thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

24 The next speaker is Deborah Sam and then Glenn  
25 Carroll and Stephen Wingeier.

1 MS. DEBORAH SAM

2 I'm Deborah Sam, and thank you. Thank you.

3 And it's quite amazing to hear all these  
4 different voices and the passion and especially the  
5 passion and pride of the folks here and what they do here.

6 And just a reminder, that they were up for  
7 whatever the Government asked of them before, they  
8 continue to be, and that they will be for whatever we ask  
9 of them in the future. So maybe we should ask of them  
10 something that is worthy of what they can provide for us.

11 And I'm speaking just, you know, as me, a human  
12 being, so anything I say is about the human environment.

13 We are definitely in a different -- Everyday we  
14 go along we're in a different world, and we have seen  
15 recently, the past ten years, that we need to treat people  
16 better around the world and in our own country, because  
17 having all these nuclear weapons has not stopped the  
18 Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma or the World Trade  
19 Center bombing twice.

20 I lost friends -- the friends lost businesses in  
21 the World Trade Center both times. People are now  
22 targeting our country in more sneaky, for lack of a better  
23 word right now, ways. And it's what we did to the British  
24 Empire. We had guerrilla warfare and we won. We got a  
25 country. So let's just --

1           Yeah, you know, the draft -- We haven't looked  
2           at every reasonable possibility. And I grew up with jokes  
3           about cockroaches being the only thing that was going to  
4           survive, and I grew up with older friends who assumed they  
5           wouldn't see 30 because we'd all be wiped out.

6           I've chosen not to have children in order to  
7           provide for a better world, but there are many children  
8           being produced everyday and loved. So, you know, let's do  
9           our part as part of the world.

10           And let's listen to our own Constitution, which  
11           Article 6 says we have to abide by all the treaties that  
12           we sign onto.

13           Thank you.

14                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

15           Thank you.

16           Glenn Carroll, Steve Wingeier and Hartmutt Ramm.

17                           MS. GLENN CARROLL

18           Hello. My name is Glenn Carroll. I represent  
19           Nuclear Watch South. We're based in Atlanta, and this  
20           will be the third time I've addressed you. And thank you.  
21           You're running good meetings. It's really a privilege to  
22           hear so much wisdom coming straight from the people and so  
23           variously packaged.

24           And I do believe we're standing at a moment in  
25           history. This is the third time we've come out in almost

1 20 years, and we are not producing new nuclear weapons for  
2 almost 20 years. For an enterprise that's lasted less  
3 than an human lifetime, for almost a generation, we have  
4 not been producing new nuclear weapons. So I think we  
5 have a de facto moratorium.

6 And I think that NNSA has blundered in and said  
7 the word, and the power of the word is behind it. And  
8 that word is "transformation".

9 And it's exciting to be here with -- Oak Ridge  
10 Environmental Peace Alliance has started the wave.

11 What I'm thinking is you haven't answered our  
12 request for a disarmament in the EIS because you don't  
13 know how, and thanks to Oak Ridge -- OREPA getting the  
14 ball rolling. We're going to start laying out the details  
15 for you, and then you'll know how to do the math.

16 So I've got a little document here I'll be  
17 putting in the record. I did amend it a little bit. So  
18 you'll make a couple copies of this, but this one is  
19 special. And I'll just reiterate some of the things that  
20 are being said, that this is a reasonable alternative to  
21 look at. It is reasonable to look at it now.

22 These leaders, renown leaders, Sam Nunn, Henry  
23 Kissinger, have spoken along these lines. So how do we do  
24 this? Well, we're going to need buildings, and we're  
25 going to need workers, and we're probably going to have to

1 move some stuff around. And I do think there will be  
2 environmental risks that we're facing.

3 And I thought I'd bring out some details about  
4 the facility near where we were last week near Savannah  
5 River Site. And there we have a whole lot of plutonium  
6 all ready, maybe more coming. They say it is.

7 And, boy, do we have a lot of nuclear waste. We  
8 have 35 million gallons of high level nuclear waste in  
9 underground tanks. This has been the condition of those  
10 tanks for the 20 years I've been an activist. There has  
11 been no change on that.

12 However, we are slowly, not so surely, but  
13 slowly and persistently turning this liquid waste into a  
14 glass. And there is a proposal to put plutonium in with  
15 that glass. And that glass is very, very hot. And we're  
16 to provide a suitable radiation barrier to safeguard the  
17 plutonium.

18 So there you go. There is a great mission for  
19 the Savannah River Site. We're going to need the talents  
20 and experience of our workforce. We're going to need  
21 facilities. We may even need more facilities. There's a  
22 lot of waste, and there's only one glass factory.

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 Thirty seconds, please.

25 MS. GLENN CARROLL

1           Y-12, as it has been mentioned by others that  
2           are beginning to put this blueprint into the record, would  
3           be very suitable for continuing with uranium safeguarding.  
4           And so I think we're on our way, and I think it's very  
5           exciting. The time is ripe to stop the bomb and clean up  
6           the complex.

7                           MR. BARRY LAWSON.

8           Thank you very much.

9           Steve Wingeier -- I hope I pronounced that  
10          correctly -- Hartmutt Ramm and Jim Rugh.

11          Am I pronouncing that right, R-u-g-h?

12          Is Mr. Rugh here?

13          Is Glenda Struss-Keyes here? You'll be the  
14          third speaker.

15          You'll be the second speaker, the next one.

16                           MR. STEPHEN WINGEIER

17          All right. Thanks for listening. You've been  
18          very patient.

19          I'm Stephen Wingeier from Atlanta. And for the  
20          record I have no financial motive for speaking here today,  
21          but I'm here because it's an honor to take part in this  
22          clumsy process called democracy.

23          My great grandfather was a carpenter. He helped  
24          to build Oak Ridge. My grandmother, his daughter, worked  
25          at Lockheed during the war. She helped to build the

1 bomber, Enola Gay, which dropped the bomb on Hiroshima.

2           And in the Old Testament God destroyed the  
3 cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone for  
4 their sins. In the 20th century the United States  
5 destroyed the two cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.  
6 Contrary to popular myth, this was not a military  
7 necessity. It was done to announce to the world that,  
8 henceforth, there would be a new God taking over.

9           Since the USA is a world leader uniquely led by  
10 its people, this is our chance to reconsider where we are  
11 leading the world.

12           And I would like to conclude with something from  
13 a book I wrote. The title is "Firestorm".

14           "The crowd was our only shelter. The wind above  
15 us was alive with fire. We ran all together for the  
16 bridge. The ground beneath us was alive with twisting  
17 torsos. Hands grabbed at my ankles. We reached the river  
18 in a mass too large to cross. The water was alive with  
19 struggling faces. Hands reaching from the fiery  
20 reflection of sky. There was not a sound anywhere.

21           "I gripped the hand of the woman beside me, and  
22 we pressed toward the center. I squeezed past the pylon  
23 of the bridge, but the crowd pinned her to the concrete.  
24 I freed my hand just in time. Those of us in front made  
25 the bridge just as another crowd burst between the pylons

1 at the far end. Their eyes were alive with the fire  
2 behind us. They cried out in a strange language, but  
3 among them I recognized each of my enemies."

4 Thank you very much.

5 MR. BARRY LAWSON

6 Thank you, sir.

7 The next speaker is Hartmutt Ramm to be followed  
8 by Glenda Struss-Keyes and Bob Rugh.

9 MR. HARTMUTT RAMM

10 Yes, my name is Hartmutt Ramm. I'm from  
11 Kennesaw, Georgia, but I'm really a native son of  
12 Tennessee. I went to school in Manchester, Tennessee, in  
13 grade school and high school, and then I went to the  
14 University of Tennessee.

15 But before that I was a son of an industrial --  
16 of a military industrial complex, and a very different one  
17 than you think of the one I'm talking about right now.

18 My father -- I'm somewhat reluctant. I don't  
19 usually talk about this, but I felt like it was very  
20 relevant to those people in the community and who have  
21 jobs at Y-12 and who have some financial stake in Y-12  
22 that they should hear about an experience, a personal  
23 experience, that I think is very relevant.

24 My father built the B-2 in Germany. He was a  
25 part of that military industrial complex. And he began to

1 work on rockets because it was a job. He was an engineer,  
2 and he needed a job. And in order to get the job -- the  
3 good job, the really good, high-paying job, at the weapons  
4 factory he joined the Nazi Party.

5 And when I asked him about that experience, he  
6 told me he did it for the children. It was for the  
7 children that he did it.

8 But it's been an open wound for me, a psychic  
9 wound for me, that somehow he has put the responsibility  
10 for that on me, that it was for me that he helped build  
11 rockets and joined the Nazi Party, an atrocious regime  
12 responsible for terrible atrocities, that he did it for  
13 me.

14 And I wouldn't have wanted it, and it hurts me  
15 to talk about it. I don't honor him for doing it, and I  
16 hope that -- I mean, I see that there aren't very many  
17 people here anymore from the community and from the labor  
18 unions and from the workforce at Y-12, but maybe those of  
19 you who have spoken at the other side can maybe transmit  
20 that message whenever you get a chance to the relevant  
21 audience.

22 If a bomb is used again -- Now, I've heard  
23 people talk about the fact that they were relatively proud  
24 of having somehow put an end to the war, World War II, by  
25 dropping a bomb on innocent victims at Hiroshima and

1 Nagasaki. And I can understand them feeling that way if  
2 they really do believe -- And I hold with the person who  
3 claims that is not the case. There are people who have  
4 written very eloquently on the fact that those bombs were  
5 not needed to end the war, by no means. The Japanese were  
6 quite ready to end the war anyway, but we had other fish  
7 to fry with the Russians and so on.

8           But the point is that that was a very different  
9 case, because we were attacked by the Japanese. If we  
10 drop a bomb now -- And we know we have people in our  
11 administration -- We know they've said they'd be willing  
12 to drop an atomic bomb on at least seven countries, three  
13 of which do not themselves have nuclear weapons.

14           If a bomb is dropped on innocent people  
15 elsewhere, and it'll be a preventive war because we've  
16 decided to affirm the principal of offensive warfare as  
17 well, then the same kind of opprobrium that I still feel  
18 as a German having -- And I'm still sometimes referred to  
19 as a Nazi because I'm a German. The stain on the German  
20 people 60 years after the end of that war -- that will  
21 rest on the American people for the rest of time if we  
22 drop that bomb.

23           As a matter of fact, if that bomb is dropped  
24 anywhere -- if a bomb is dropped anywhere, it will be our  
25 responsibility because we are the only country who could

1 put an end to the whole madness by actually living up to  
2 our obligations under the Nonproliferation Treaty --

3 MR. BARRY LAWSON

4 Thirty seconds, please.

5 MR. HARTMUTT RAMM

6 So, in other words, you know, your children  
7 won't honor you for what you do if the ultimate happens.

8 And I say to the people who work in these plants  
9 and so on -- And I really mean well. I have to tell you  
10 my background is that the very first kind of activism that  
11 I ever participated in was a civil disobedience in support  
12 of nonacademic employees. I've been on several picket  
13 lines. I've never crossed one. I'm nothing if not a  
14 fervent supporter of workers and the right to have a job.

15 But, as has been stated by many people, we don't  
16 have to build bombs. We don't have to build rockets that  
17 will kill innocent people. That's not necessary. There  
18 are plenty of things to do. There is no lack of them, for  
19 God sake. All you have to do is look around this country  
20 and see that we have nothing but unsolved problems that  
21 need our attention.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. BARRY LAWSON

24 Thank you.

25 Okay. Glenda Struss-Keyes and then Bob Rundle

1 who is followed --

2 And is Joan Barnette here?

3 MS. GLENDA STRUSS-KEYES

4 Good afternoon. My name is Glenda Struss-Keyes.

5 I'm from Washburn, Tennessee.

6 Thank you for the remaining people. I  
7 appreciate your patience, and I will try to summarize some  
8 of my points.

9 As I read over the documents that I received, it  
10 seems that one of the main driving points again was  
11 complex transformation is for national security. This is  
12 what -- It even quotes -- It says, "National security  
13 policies required. The U.S. Department of Energy through  
14 the National Nuclear Security Administration to maintain  
15 the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile."

16 So this is what you're saying is required, so  
17 national security is the goal. And I also want to be  
18 secure. I'm sure everyone does, but I don't want security  
19 at the expense of everyone and everything on this earth.

20 When billions are put into nuclear weapons and  
21 we ignore social problems, we will not reach real  
22 security. When we put our money, our brains and efforts  
23 into nuclear weapons that have the potential to destroy  
24 the earth, we neglect to give our attention to global  
25 warming and other environmental concerns that need urgent

1 attention for the continuance of life.

2 The Draft also says in its summary of the  
3 Scoping meetings that the majority of comments stated in  
4 those -- that were in those Scoping hearings were that we  
5 were not abiding by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

6 And I also stated that this is the crux of the  
7 problem, too. The international community worked for  
8 decades to construct the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty  
9 that has helped prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, and  
10 complex transformation is a step backwards. We cannot  
11 expect other nations to not acquire nuclear weapons if we  
12 continue to upgrade and increase our own.

13 And the only security we will ever have is when  
14 all nuclear weapons are off the face of the earth. We  
15 need to adhere to this treaty, which is, by the way, the  
16 law of the land.

17 And sometimes you hear the expression, "I don't  
18 want nuclear weapons in my backyard." Well, Y-12 is our  
19 backyard, but really these facilities are in everyone's  
20 backyard, because if they are ever used, if there is an  
21 accident or war, everyone is affected. So it's like you  
22 throw your trash away. There is no way. Everyone's  
23 backyard is Y-12.

24 MR. BARRY LAWSON

25 Thirty seconds, please.

1 MS. GLENDA STRUSS-KEYES

2 I came to this hearing kind of as an attitude  
3 of, Good God, here I am again. I get tired. Yet by  
4 hearing everyone speak, I think this is a positive time.  
5 I think if you really listen to what's happening in our  
6 world -- not just those who spoke -- but what's happening,  
7 that the majority of people want a world free of nuclear  
8 weapons and realize that this is the only path towards  
9 security.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. BARRY LAWSON

12 Thank you.

13 Bob Rundle, Joan Barnette and Todd Shelton.

14 Is Polly Murphy here?

15 Mr. Rundle and then Ms. Barnette.

16 MR. BOB RUNDLE

17 Hi, my name is Bob Rundle. I live in Knoxville.  
18 I'm here as a concerned citizen as well as a member of the  
19 Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to share some  
21 thoughts with you.

22 A lot of the discussion here today and also in  
23 reading the SPEIS document remind me of the story of the  
24 Emperor who has no clothes. I won't detail what that  
25 story is about. I'm assuming that we all know that one.

1           For example, in the documents we speak of  
2       complex transformations, stockpiles, nuclear materials,  
3       restructuring and so on. There is no mention of nuclear  
4       bombs in much of the document or any of the document that  
5       I recall or in some of the discussion here today, and yet  
6       what all of this is all about is talking about a weapon  
7       that has the capacity to destroy our world. And I think  
8       we need to keep that in mind.

9           A couple of myths that I've heard here during  
10      the discussion today I would like to comment on. One is  
11      that we need to make atomic weapons to keep our jobs.

12           Well, I think that Oak Ridge already has a lot  
13      of experience in moving jobs tied to weapons production  
14      into other jobs that support industry that's not tied to  
15      weapons production. That's been -- That process has been  
16      going on for sometime.

17           I think that Oak Ridge has an opportunity with  
18      its skilled labor force to become a world center for  
19      dismantling atomic weapons. So I don't think the jobs  
20      issue is a real issue.

21           A second kind of myth I've heard here is that  
22      the nuclear bombs provide protection. I think there is  
23      plenty of evidence that they do not, particularly now that  
24      the terrorist groups in other nations are the biggest  
25      threat in the world today.

1           When I think about it, if I put our national  
2 policy about atomic weapons on a personal level, it would  
3 go something like this, despite the advice of my police I  
4 go out and buy a gun to protect my family. And then upon  
5 further reflection I think, well, I'll buy three or four  
6 guns. And then upon even further reflection I go out and  
7 buy enough weapons that I've got more than all of the  
8 criminals in Knoxville. Then I'll really be safe.

9           Well, I think if one thing is to be learned from  
10 911, it's that all of our nuclear arsenal and all of our  
11 weapons don't really protect us much.

12           I think our greatest challenge today in our  
13 country is to find a way to introduce our values about  
14 human beings, about life and about our morality and find  
15 ways to build that into a movement that we can begin to  
16 untie our economy and jobs to war industry.

17           President Eisenhower, who warned us about the  
18 dangers of the military industrial complex, I think would  
19 turn over in his grave today if he could see the extent of  
20 power that those interested in developing war materials  
21 and more weapons have in our society today.

22                           MR. BARRY LAWSON

23           Thirty seconds, please.

24                           MR. BOB RUNDLE

25           I think we need to move to disarmament and

1 nonproliferation, and what we do not need is more  
2 effective, efficient atomic weapon plants.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. BARRY LAWSON

5 Thank you, sir.

6 The next speaker is Joan Barnette.

7 MS. JOAN BARNETTE

8 I was born and raised in Oak Ridge, Tennessee,  
9 and Kingsport, Tennessee, where my ancestors -- some of  
10 them have lived for hundreds of years, and some of my  
11 ancestors have lived in another area for over ten thousand  
12 years. I raised my son in Knoxville. My grandson is  
13 growing up in Knoxville now.

14 I grew up in the generation of American kids who  
15 imbibed the radiation from the bombs dropped on Hiroshima  
16 and Nagasaki in our mother's milk. We did not think that  
17 we would ever live out our full lifetimes because we  
18 believed the world would be destroyed by nuclear  
19 holocaust.

20 We saw the Cuban missile crisis. We heard  
21 people seriously advocate dropping nuclear bombs on  
22 Vietnamese peasants who were trying to defend their homes  
23 from us.

24 And I believe that as long as we have these  
25 weapons, there will be people who think we should use

1       them.  And as long as we have these weapons, there will be  
2       other countries who want to have these weapons and feel  
3       like they have to have them to be safe and secure.

4               And I oppose the design and construction of new  
5       atomic weapons.  I oppose the refurbishing of old atomic  
6       weapons.  I oppose the possession and use of any kind of  
7       atomic weapon.

8               And I think that the facility at Oak Ridge and  
9       the workers here should be utilized to destroy these  
10       weapons and to ameliorate the environmental damage that we  
11       have caused by creating these materials.

12               The damage that they do to the earth itself and  
13       to the plants and the animals and people on the earth is  
14       unspeakable, and it's immoral for us to create these  
15       weapons.  It's immoral for us to even think of using them.

16               And our true safety does not lie in having these  
17       kinds of things or making these kind of things, but our  
18       true safety lies in loving our neighbor.

19               And I would like to remind my neighbors that a  
20       good job is not just a job that pays money that supports  
21       you, but a good job is a job that makes the world a better  
22       place.

23                               CLOSING COMMENTS

24                               MR. BARRY LAWSON

25               Thank you.



1 VIRGINIA JONES

2 Thank you. I'm a retired social worker in Oak  
3 Ridge and a member of a group called Citizens for Peaceful  
4 Solutions. I have a very brief statement.

5 Oak Ridge is in a situation similar to the  
6 tobacco industry, which keeps manufacturing instruments of  
7 destruction because it wants to earn a living. Growers of  
8 tobacco are learning that they can grow other crops which  
9 aren't deadly like tobacco.

10 Perhaps the United States with the help of Oak  
11 Ridge can learn to earn a living by establishing a new  
12 Manhattan Project to solve the problem of the pollution of  
13 the earth which threatens the planet's very existence.

14 It makes little sense to stockpile weapons of  
15 mass destruction and to possibly develop new weapons and  
16 ignore the threat to the life of the earth itself.

17 The money proposed to extend the life of enough  
18 nuclear weapons to destroy the earth and to possibly  
19 develop new weapons should instead be used for defending  
20 the planet.

21 Oak Ridge is the logical place for this effort  
22 to defend life on earth. Oak Ridge can be a leader in  
23 this new defense endeavor.

24 The United States and all other countries on the  
25 globe are in a race of time for the very survival of life

1 on earth. Stockpiling of weapons makes no sense at all.  
2 The common enemy is pollution, the pollution of the  
3 planet.

4 The impact of no further storage or development  
5 of nuclear weapons in Oak Ridge would be a reduction of  
6 hazardous materials in the city, and for Oak Ridge it  
7 would be an improvement in its public image. And the  
8 future economic benefit to Oak Ridge would be great.

9 Thank you very much.

10 BARRY LAWSON

11 Well, thank you very much. I appreciate it, and  
12 I'm sorry for missing you.

13 We'll reconvene at open house at six and here  
14 seven. Thank you.

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