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22 (NOTE: Unless provided to the court reporter, all names are spelled to the best phonetic approximation.)

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 BY HOLMES BROWN

3 Good evening. Thank you for taking the time to  
4 participate in this important Public Hearing on the National  
5 Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Draft Site-wide  
6 Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 National  
7 Security Complex for Y-12. I hope that you have had an  
8 opportunity to browse the display and talk to the project  
9 staff during the just completed Open House.

10 My name is Holmes Brown and I will be the moderator  
11 for this hearing. My role this evening are to ensure those  
12 opportunities for those attending the hearing to obtain  
13 information about the proposed program and to provide  
14 comments; and that we observe the ground rules to allow a  
15 fair and respectful participation by all.

16 There are two parts to this hearing. The informal  
17 segment began with the Open House and continues following my  
18 remarks with a brief welcome to the Y-12 Site and a  
19 15-minute presentation by the Site-wide Environmental Impact  
20 Statement (SWEIS) document manager who will discuss the  
21 contents.

22 The formal segment will begin following the site  
23 office presentations. During the formal segment members of  
24 the public will be called on to make formal comments on the  
25 SWEIS.

1           The court reporter will then begin making a verbatim  
2 record of your comments. There will be no exchange of  
3 questions or answers. NNSA officials will be here to listen  
4 to your comments but will not be engaging in dialogue.

5           If you wish to make an oral comment during the  
6 formal comment segment, please sign up at the registration  
7 table out front if you have not already done so.

8           I will be calling on speakers as their names appear  
9 on the registration list. The Ground Rules for speakers  
10 will provide additional information on making comments.

11           In the formal session, members of the public will be  
12 allotted up to three minutes to make comments, based on the  
13 number of people that have already signed up to speak.  
14 Please make your comments concise and related to the content  
15 of the Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement.

16           If you have a longer written statement, please  
17 summarize those comments orally and submit the written  
18 document in it's entirety to the court reporter.

19           That's a summary of the hearing format. We look  
20 forward to your participation in a productive and respectful  
21 hearing.

22           I'd now like to introduce Mr. Kevin Smith, the  
23 Deputy Manager of the NNSA's Y-12 Site Office. As Deputy  
24 Manager, Mr. Smith serves as the Chief Operating Officer of  
25 the Y-12 Site Office.

1 WELCOME

2 BY MR. SMITH

3 Good evening all. As he mentioned, I'm Kevin Smith  
4 and I'm the Deputy Manager for the Y-12 Site Office; and on  
5 behalf of the manager for the site office, Ted Sherry, is  
6 not available tonight, I'd like to welcome you to the Jack  
7 Case -- I'm sorry, The New Hope Center to this Public  
8 Hearing.

9 On behalf of the NNSA, the National Nuclear Security  
10 Administration and Department of Energy, I'd like to welcome  
11 you to the opportunity to participate in this public  
12 hearing.

13 As you are aware, the Y-12 Site Office has been  
14 preparing a Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement, or the  
15 Site-wide EIS, SWEIS as Mr. Brown calls it. The NNSA has  
16 prepared the original Y-12 Site-wide EIS in 2001 and the  
17 Record of Decision was approved in 2002.

18 That Record of Decision was the approval for the  
19 initial modernization of Y-12, including the construction of  
20 the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility (HEUMF) that  
21 will start operation in just a few short weeks.

22 Today the new or today's Site-wide EIS discussion  
23 will update the 2001 document and evaluate new proposals and  
24 alternatives for the modernization of Y-12 to replace many  
25 of the remaining aging World War II facilities.

1           This public hearing is a key component of the  
2 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process which is  
3 designed for input from the public on the scope of the  
4 Site-wide EIS.

5           There are several avenues available to you tonight  
6 to provide your comments to include making verbal comments  
7 at the podium. You can also leave a prepared letter or  
8 write-out a comments card and leave that in the lobby in the  
9 collection box. Regardless of how your input is delivered,  
10 NNSA will fully consider your comments and make the  
11 appropriate changes in the Site-wide EIS.

12           The NNSA will then consider the full environmental  
13 effect analysis presented in the Final Y-12 Site-wide EIS  
14 in making its decision on the future operations to Y-12.

15           NNSA already has already had many comments. With  
16 the pending holidays, for convenience and for completeness,  
17 we're going to extend the comment period until the 29th of  
18 January. We will also hold a second public hearing tomorrow  
19 at this location in this room between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30  
20 for additional public comments.

21           I'd like to say thank you for taking the time  
22 tonight to be here and to provide your comments and your  
23 views on the proposed actions. This is an important process  
24 and we want all the possible comments that we can that  
25 affect these activities.

1 I'd like to introduce our NEPA compliance officer,  
2 Pam Gorman, who is from the Y-12 Site Office and also the  
3 document manager for the Site-wide Environmental Impact  
4 Statement. Pam will give you an overview of the NEPA  
5 process and the Site-wide EIS.

6 Again, on behalf of the federal staff here, thank  
7 you again for taking the time to be here tonight. Thank  
8 you.

9 PRESENTATION BY PAM GORMAN

10 (Not reported)

11 Mr. BROWN: Thanks very much for that presentation.

12 Before we get started with the public comment  
13 period, we're going to take a 3- or 4-minute break to set up  
14 the court reporter and get the speaker's list. So we'll  
15 just have a brief break before our first speaker.

16 (A break was taken)

17 MR. BROWN: The court reporter will begin  
18 transcribing all further public comments. I will now read  
19 into the record for verbatim transcription introductory  
20 remarks for the Public Comment Hearing.

21 This portion of our hearing is officially designated  
22 as the Oak Ridge Public Hearing for the Draft Site-wide  
23 Environmental Impact Statement for Y-12.

24 This hearing is being held on November 17th in the  
25 New Hope Center. It is being held to receive comments on

1 the content of the Draft Site-wide EIS.

2 We are commencing the public comments portion of  
3 this hearing at 7:41 p.m. and we're scheduled to adjourn  
4 once all participants have had a chance to make their  
5 comments.

6 Each speaker will have a maximum of three minutes.  
7 This hearing was preceded by a presentation by Y-12's  
8 Site-wide EIS Document Manager Ms. Pam Gorman. Ms. Gorman  
9 will represent the NNSA in listening to and accepting your  
10 comments.

11 For the record, my name is Holmes Brown. I've been  
12 asked by the NNSA to conduct this comment period as an  
13 independent and neutral moderator. I will ensure that the  
14 ground rules reviewed earlier in the evening are followed.

15 The court reporter is Jimmie Jane McConnell.  
16 The court reporter's task is to create a complete and  
17 accurate transcription of this hearing. The verbatim  
18 transcript of oral comments received tonight will be  
19 included in the NNSA's record of these proceedings. NNSA  
20 will place copies of the transcript on the public hearing on  
21 the Y-12 Site-wide EIS web page as soon as practicable.

22 If you wish to make comments tonight, please sign up  
23 at the registration if you haven't already done so. I will  
24 recognize speakers in the order in which they registered  
25 allowing elected federal and state officials to go first.

1           Please remain in the room if you're scheduled to  
2 speak. I will be calling two speakers at a time; the  
3 current speaker and the one coming next so that you will  
4 have some warning before you are to speak.

5           When it is your turn to speak, please come forward  
6 to the podium over there. Please state your name and  
7 affiliation, if appropriate. This will help the court  
8 reporter make an accurate record of your comment.

9           Remember the time limit and the fact that this  
10 hearing is of a Draft Y-12 Site-wide EIS. If you are  
11 approaching the time limit, I will hold up a "1-minute"  
12 sign. Please, at that point, summarize your remaining  
13 comment as quickly as possible.

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

16           If you have a written copy of your comments or if  
17 you have a written document you would like to submit for the  
18 record, please hand that to the court reporter at the  
19 conclusion of your remarks.

20           Written materials will be formally accepted into the  
21 record as exhibits to this hearing in addition to oral  
22 comments. Each is weighed equally by NNSA. You may also  
23 submit comments by U.S. Mail, E-mail, or FAX as recorded up  
24 on the board. There's no limitation on the number or length  
25 of comments that an individual may have made.



1 the rest of the nuclear weapons complex. It's my hope that  
2 the Capability-sized UPF Alternative will allow the NNSA to  
3 make the necessary investments into modernization that will  
4 preserve our nuclear capabilities while protecting the  
5 taxpayer at the same time.

6 "With kindest regards, I am, Yours truly, John J.  
7 Duncan, Jr., Member of Congress."

8 (Attached as Exhibit 1)

9 MR. BROWN: Thank you very much. You've set an  
10 outstanding standard for brevity for Congress. (Laughter)

11 Our next speaker is Beth Hickman representing  
12 Congressman Lincoln Davis. Welcome.

13 MS. HICKMAN: Good evening. For the record, my name  
14 is Beth Hickman. I'm the Field Representative for  
15 Congressman Lincoln Davis, and I'd like to read into the  
16 record some prepared remarks; a letter from Congressman  
17 Davis. (As read)

18 "Please accept this letter as acknowledgement of my  
19 full support for the construction of a new capability-sized  
20 Uranium Processing Facility at the Y-12 National Security  
21 Complex in Oak Ridge to replace the site's current World War  
22 II era production complex.

23 "As the Representative to Tennessee's Fourth  
24 Congressional District, I have a great appreciation for the  
25 critical national security role our men and women serve each

1 day at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Over the past  
2 few years I've had the pleasure of witnessing the tremendous  
3 transformation of the Oak Ridge site as the National Nuclear  
4 Security Complex prepares to meet our future national and  
5 global security challenges. We now must continue this  
6 momentum by focusing our attention on the hub of our  
7 nation's nuclear security operations, Y-12's uranium  
8 processing facilities, which were built more than 50 years  
9 ago and are in dire need of replacement.

10 "I urge the National Security Administration to move  
11 swiftly in replacing these facilities with a new capability-  
12 based Uranium Processing Facility at Y-12. It is imperative  
13 we build a better and more secure facility that will be safe  
14 and provide protection to our workers who have dedicated  
15 their lives to this critical security mission

16 "It is with great pride and gratitude that I give my  
17 support to NNSA's decision to maintain our nation's  
18 important uranium mission at Y-12 by constructing the new  
19 capability-sized Uranium Processing Facility.

20 "Sincerely, Lincoln Davis, Member of Congress."

21 (Attached as Exhibit 2)

22 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

23 Our next speaker is Gina McMahan from Congressman  
24 Zach Wamp's office. Then she'll be followed by Tom Beehan.

25 MS. McMAHAN: Good evening. For the record, my name

1 is Gina McMahan, District Director for Congressman Zach Wamp  
2 and I would like to read into record his comments. (As  
3 read)

4 "Thank you for an opportunity to comment on the  
5 National Nuclear Security Agency's analysis for current and  
6 future operations, facilities, and activities at the Y-12  
7 National Security Complex. Engaging the community and  
8 surrounding area of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who proudly carry  
9 the banner of the Manhattan Project, is a fundamental step  
10 in making our nuclear weapons complex more responsive,  
11 secure, and cost effective.

12 "Construction of UPF is the key to the viability and  
13 future success of the Y-12 National Security Complex. Since  
14 first proposed, I have actively supported modernization  
15 efforts, including the construction of the Highly Enriched  
16 Uranium Manufacturing Facility, the Uranium Processing  
17 Facility, and the accelerated cleanup of the World War II  
18 and Cold War legacies. As the Uranium Center of Excellence,  
19 Y-12 leads the Department of Energy in the transformation of  
20 a more efficient, agile, and state-of-the-art nuclear  
21 complex.

22 "The Uranium Processing Facility is essential to  
23 maintain our weapons reliability, fuel our nuclear Navy  
24 fleet, down blend enriched uranium in support of our  
25 nation's nonproliferation goals, and also accomplish a 90%

1 reduction in Y-12's footprint while realizing substantial  
2 cost savings. I will continue to aggressively make this a  
3 primary focus in NNSA's plan to transform the complex to  
4 meet our national security needs for the next century.

5 "Thank you for the opportunity to communicate the  
6 importance of this project. It is an honor to work with the  
7 men and women of Y-12, the NNSA, and the Oak Ridge  
8 community.

9 "Sincerely, Zach Wamp, Member of Congress."

10 (Attached as Exhibit 3)

11 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is the Mayor of Oak Ridge. And he  
13 will be followed by John Whalen.

14 MR. BEEHAN: For the record, my name is Tom Beehan.  
15 I'm the Mayor of the City of Oak Ridge.

16 I want to recognize the elected officials from the  
17 City of Oak Ridge who are with me here tonight: Mayor  
18 ProTem Jane Miller and Councilman Charlie Hensley and thank  
19 you both for being here.

20 Last night at the Oak Ridge City Council meeting, a  
21 unanimous resolution was past and I'm not going to read all  
22 the whereases. It will be submitted in writing for the  
23 record, but I do want to summarize what was said in that  
24 meeting without the whereases. (As read)

25 The City of Oak Ridge strongly supports continued

1 operations of Y-12 and its national security mission as a  
2 center of excellence for uranium and other special nuclear  
3 materials, including the safe and secure storage and  
4 processing of uranium.

5 The City of Oak Ridge commends the NNSA for its  
6 ongoing efforts to improve operating efficiencies, enhance  
7 safety and security, and accelerate nuclear weapons  
8 dismantlement activities.

9 Oak Ridge officially commends NNSA on SWEIS.

10 WHEREAS, we also -- I'm going to go to the final  
11 paragraph for brevity's sake so I can beat the Congressman.

12 The City of Oak Ridge -- endorses the preferred  
13 alternative identified as the Alternative 4: Capability-  
14 sized UPF in which NNSA would construct a new 350,000 square  
15 foot Uranium Processing Facility (UPF), that would allow  
16 Y-12 to maintain all capabilities for producing secondaries  
17 and cases, and capabilities for planned dismantlement,  
18 surveillance and uranium work for other NNSA and non-NNSA  
19 customers; and the construction of the Complex Command  
20 Center (CCC) that would serve as a new emergency services  
21 complex for Y-12, house equipment and personnel for the  
22 plant-shift superintendent, Fire Department, and Emergency  
23 Operations Center.

24 The Resolution, which is longer than this, was  
25 passed last night and, when signed by the Clerk, will be

1 entered into the record.

2 Thank you very much.

3 (Attached Rough Draft Exhibit 4)

4 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

5 Mr. John Whalen is next and he will be followed by  
6 Steve Jones.

7 Also let me ask the control room if it's possible to  
8 turn the mics on. It may be easier for folks to read their  
9 statements. I think that will help.

10 Go ahead.

11 MR. WHALEN: (As read) My name is John Whalen; I  
12 live in Harriman, Tennessee; and I've been part of the DOE  
13 contractor workforce for over 30 years.

14 The Oak Ridge area and East Tennessee share both a  
15 rich history and a long-term employer/employee relationship  
16 with DOE and its predecessors. In fact, you cannot mention  
17 the words "Manhattan Project" without mentioning Oak Ridge,  
18 Tennessee. The City of Oak Ridges' very birth was made  
19 possible by the Governments' acquisition of the Wheat  
20 Community and surrounding area. East Tennesseans are proud  
21 that we were the builders and operators of the three  
22 facilities that created the very first atomic weapons that  
23 ended the bloodiest war in history. Regretfully, many  
24 people lost their lives at both Hiroshima and Nagasaki; but  
25 the United States did not start the Second World War. We

1 did, however, build the weapons that ended the war abruptly  
2 and saved what some have estimated would have been millions  
3 of American servicemen's lives that would have been  
4 sacrificed to conquer Japan with a land invasion of their  
5 island.

6 For over 65 years Y-12 has been one of East  
7 Tennessee's largest and most auspicious employers. Thanks  
8 to NNSA and their predecessors, this region has grown from a  
9 sleepy little East Tennessee community to one of the  
10 southeast's premier manufacturing facilities. Thousands of  
11 families from the area have enjoyed a better lifestyle and  
12 higher standard of living thanks to these good careers. The  
13 workforce here at Y-12 is recognized as the areas best,  
14 brightest, and most highly-skilled craftsmen in the industry  
15 and has gratefully accepted the opportunity to demonstrate  
16 their talents by safely maintaining the oldest facility in  
17 the DOE Complex.

18 The Y-12 hourly workforce consists of over 1400  
19 highly-trained employees belonging to 17 different unions  
20 that are all represented by the Atomic Trades and Labor  
21 Council (ATLC). For over 60 years the ATLC and various DOE  
22 contractors have shared a symbiotic relationship that is  
23 equal to none other in the complex.

24 As the day progresses, please observe how many of  
25 today's speakers are from the local area and how many are

1 from elsewhere and weigh each of their comments accordingly.  
2 I would expect plenty of comments from many non-East  
3 Tennesseans touting their consternation for any form of  
4 nuclear weapons and the evilness of their very existence.  
5 While I respect their rights to voice their opinions on the  
6 pros and cons of nuclear weapons, I do not feel that this  
7 venue was designed for their protests but instead is  
8 designed to help shape the future configuration of the  
9 nuclear weapons complex.

10 Mr. BROWN: One minute remaining.

11 MR. WHALEN: I'd also like for the NNSA to know that  
12 no matter what the decision, the local workforce here will  
13 continue to give our contractors the most highly-trained  
14 employees available and we will endeavor to maintain the  
15 quality Labor/Management relationship that all of Y-12  
16 contractors have enjoyed since the days of the Clinton  
17 Laboratories. I personally feel that the NNSA Uranium  
18 Processing Facility Alternative No. 4, to construct and  
19 operate a new UPF to replace Y-12's existing enriched  
20 uranium processing, would provide the necessary footprint  
21 reduction needed for today's weapons needs; and would also  
22 provide the safest, most efficient, streamlined production  
23 matrix possible.

24 Once again, I'd like to thank our hosts and the NNSA  
25 personnel that have made this forum possible and would

1 remind you that decisions pertaining to the DOE Facilities  
2 of East Tennessee should be a reflection of the views of the  
3 citizens of East Tennessee and not the invalidated  
4 perceptions of those who haven't any idea what goes on  
5 behind the security fences at Y-12.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Attached Exhibit 5)

8 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

9 Next is Steve Jones followed by Garry Whitley.

10 MR. JONES: (As read) My name is Steve Jones; I'm a  
11 34-year employee and an officer with the Atomic Trades and  
12 Labor Council. I'm here tonight to voice my support for the  
13 Uranium Processing Facility at Y-12. Over its 65 years of  
14 existence, Y-12 has proven to be a safe place to work and  
15 has also been a good steward to the environment.

16 Y-12 is a part of this community and an important  
17 part of the local economy. Labor and Management have a good  
18 relationship and are committed to solve problems together  
19 that will make Y-12 the best in the business.

20 The Atomic Trades and Labor Council support Y-12 and  
21 its mission. We believe Y-12 is a safe place for our  
22 members to work. We have a highly-skilled and well-trained  
23 workforce and are committed to help make Y-12 a model  
24 facility in the Nuclear Weapons Complex.

25 Thank you.

1 (Attached Exhibit 6)

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

3 Garry Whitley is up now and Ralph Hutchison will  
4 follow.

5 MR. WHITLEY: (As read) My name is Gary Whitley.  
6 I'm the President of Atomic Trades and Labor Council which  
7 has over 2200 members of the organized labor workforce  
8 supporting the Y-12 National Security Complex and the Oak  
9 Ridge DOE complex. Our members fully support the proposed  
10 Uranium Processing Facility at Y-12 as presented as the  
11 preferred option to the Draft Site-wide Environmental Impact  
12 statement.

13 The workforce, which I represent, has supported Y-12  
14 missions for 65 years. Many of our current members have  
15 parents and grandparents who have worked at Y-12. The  
16 skilled workers in our region have helped our nation win a  
17 World War and end a Cold War. We've always responded to  
18 every national security need requested of Y-12.

19 The ATLC is prepared to continue to support any and  
20 all of Y-12's missions. The proposed UPF will allow us to  
21 perform uranium processing missions in a cost-effective  
22 manner which is safer and secure in a modern facility. We  
23 believe this proposed UPF is a much-needed project and the  
24 best option for the entire weapons complex.

25 Thank you for your consideration.

1 (Attached Exhibit 7)

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

3 Next is Ralph Hutchison. I guess we're ready for  
4 the slide show. You'll need to dim the lights.

5 (Slide Presentation -- The Future of Y-12)

6 Mr. HUTCHISON: Thank you. My name is Ralph  
7 Hutchison. I'm the coordinator for the Oak Ridge  
8 Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA). And I want to start  
9 by saying thank you to Tim and the other folks at the NNSA  
10 who have extended the comment period to match what we had  
11 originally talked about back in May. I appreciate that.

12 I want to talk about the future of Y-12 this evening  
13 and I want to cast this as a choice -- if we could go to the  
14 next slide -- because it is a choice, I think, between two  
15 potential futures. Y-12 can either recreate itself and  
16 retool to serve a critical national security mission, which  
17 is the dismantlement and disposition of retired nuclear  
18 weapons; or Y-12 can invest in a mission for which there is  
19 a rapidly diminishing demand. In other words, I see this as  
20 Y-12's choice between a working future or a dead end.

21 Go to the next slide, please.

22 There's a clear direction of history as outlined on  
23 this slide and shows us the diminishing need for a Uranium  
24 Processing Facility. Four years ago, when we had the  
25 scoping hearing, the only reasonable plan on the drawing

1 board was the full-scale Uranium Processing Facility with a  
2 production capacity of 125 plus warhead throughput.

3 Today, the full-scale Uranium Processing Facility is  
4 not even the preferred alternative. In fact, the Site-wide  
5 EIS embraces a no net production. A ten warhead a year  
6 throughput is now a reasonable alternative. A clear  
7 direction of history since 2005 is the scaling down of the  
8 proposal for a new bomb plant. With more time and new  
9 agreements, like the START renewal that will be signed next  
10 month, the need for a Uranium Processing Facility will  
11 continue to diminish. And the timing is important. And the  
12 plan for any Uranium Processing Facility at any site will  
13 continue to lose power as time goes on.

14 Next. We don't have to guess about the future and  
15 what is reasonable to plan for. By 2 -- sorry, I skipped  
16 one, I think.

17 We may not know the future but we don't have to  
18 guess. What we really are asking the National Nuclear  
19 Security Administration is to bet on the future. And what  
20 they're asking us to bet on, when they ask us to support a  
21 Uranium Processing Facility, is to bet against President  
22 Obama who as the quote here shows you, said in Cairo -- this  
23 was not the first time he said this -- in Cairo he said: "I  
24 strongly reaffirm America's commitment to seek a world in  
25 which no nations hold nuclear weapons."

1           And the forces aligned with him, the reason George  
2 Schultz, Ronald Reagan's Secretary of State, of all people  
3 is on this slide, is to give you an indication of the forces  
4 that have aligned behind Obama's vision, which include  
5 people like Henry Kissinger and Sam Nunn and Admiral William  
6 Perry.

7           Next slide.

8           MR. BROWN: You have about a minute left.

9           MR. HUTCHISON: That's fine.

10          So what is reasonable to plan for? By 2016 the  
11 United States will reduce it's stockpile to 1,675 warheads,  
12 which is 600 less warheads than we have currently. By 2016  
13 the United States arsenal will contain more than 1,675  
14 life-extended nuclear warheads.

15          Next. What we know should define what reasonable  
16 is. And what we know is that the Stockpile Stewardship  
17 Program has invested more than \$90 billion in Life Extension  
18 and Modification to guarantee that our current stockpile is  
19 safe, secure, and reliable. And tomorrow morning I'm told  
20 the JASON Report will be issued publicly that certifies that  
21 Stockpile Stewardship has done its job and there is no need  
22 for continued life-extension work or new weapons production.

23          Next slide. What the United States needs. The most  
24 critical mission need that we have in pursuit of  
25 nonproliferation goals is the safe, secure, and verifiable

1 capacity for increased dismantlement and disposition of  
2 warheads.

3 There is a need for passive curatorship of our  
4 current arsenal and that need can be achieved through  
5 consolidation, downsizing, and upgrading-in-place our  
6 current facility, which is already in the plan. A \$100  
7 million is needed to be spent to upgrade Building 9212 to  
8 bridge the gap between now and when a UPF would come on  
9 line.

10 Next slide.

11 Mr. BROWN: If you could make just a final point.

12 MR. HUTCHISON: We're almost there.

13 For once what the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace  
14 Alliance also coincides with what the Oak Ridge Community  
15 needs, an investment in a forward-looking mission with  
16 safety upgrades to existing facilities. This is a mission  
17 that's worthy of the community and it provides more  
18 workforce security than the National Nuclear Security  
19 Administration's plan.

20 I'll take just a second to say that OREPA is  
21 proposing -- and you will hear from other people tonight --  
22 Alternative 6, which is the next slide. We'll go through  
23 these very quickly.

24 Alternative 6 recognizes a need for a Stockpile  
25 Stewardship mission that can be achieved through an upgrade

1 in place to existing facilities.

2 Next slide. It recognizes the increasing demand for  
3 a verifiable safeguarded dismantlement capacity which must  
4 be addressed. Current facilities should be analyzed. And  
5 if there is a need, we can construct a new dismantlement  
6 facility.

7 The next slide shows the other benefits which  
8 include workforce retention and the reduction of the  
9 high-security area.

10 This is the most reasonable alternative. It's more  
11 reasonable than any of those that are presented in the  
12 Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement. By law they will  
13 be required to consider this in depth. And finally --

14 MR. BROWN: Your time is up.

15 MR. HUTCHISON: Last slide. This is the guidepost  
16 to the future.

17 (Attached Exhibit 8)

18 MR. BROWN: Take notes. Thank you.

19 The next speaker I have is -- please correct me if I  
20 have your pronunciation wrong -- David Linge; and David will  
21 be followed by Carol Nickle.

22 MR. LINGE: (As read) My name is David Linge, and I  
23 live in Knoxville. I am a Professor of Religious Studies,  
24 Emeritus, at the University of Tennessee, and I am a member  
25 of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

1           I wish to make three points relevant to the proposal  
2 put forward by the NNSA for the construction of new  
3 facilities in Oak Ridge.

4           First let me say that I am opposed to the  
5 construction of any facility in Oak Ridge or anywhere else  
6 that could now or, through modifications, in the future  
7 produce new nuclear weapons. A scaled-down, updated  
8 facility here in Oak Ridge can provide adequately for the  
9 safety of the current U.S. arsenal while it awaits eventual  
10 dismantlement. In my opinion, the \$3.5 billion facility  
11 being proposed is neither needed nor desirable for achieving  
12 the maintenance or the destruction of already existing  
13 warheads.

14           Secondly, I believe that we do need to construct a  
15 facility that can expedite dismantlement of that part of our  
16 vast stockpile of warheads that is to be eliminated in  
17 accordance with treaties already in effect or, hopefully,  
18 about to be entered into. This new facility must be a  
19 strict single-use plant for dismantling weapons with no  
20 possibility of being modified into a plant that produces new  
21 nuclear warheads.

22           Thirdly, my first two points rest firmly on the deep  
23 conviction that the United States can no longer continue its  
24 traditional posture of talking peace to the world while  
25 continuing to serve the interests of those who profit from

1 the manufacture of these impossibly horrible weapons and  
2 those irresponsible leaders who threaten to use them.

3 I believe we can no longer afford the kind of  
4 dangerous and transparent hypocrisy that that involves. The  
5 myriad crises and stresses that humans will face on this  
6 planet in coming decades make it far more rather than less  
7 likely that nuclear weapons will be used in the future.

8 I conclude, therefore, that we should not approve  
9 any of the alternatives examined in this inadequate  
10 Environmental Impact Statement.

11 The only proposal we can adopt in order to have any  
12 hope of promoting genuine peace in the world is the one put  
13 forward by OREPA. I urge that the National Nuclear Security  
14 Administration adopt it.

15 Thank you.

16 (Attached Exhibit 9)

17 MR. BROWN: Thanks, David.

18 Next is Carol Nickle and she'll be followed by Greg  
19 Rudy.

20 MS. NICKLE: My name is Carol Nickle, and I live and  
21 work in Knoxville, and I'm here tonight on behalf of the Oak  
22 Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. But I'm really here  
23 tonight on behalf of -- Emily, age 14; and Luke, age 12 --  
24 my grandchildren.

25 Our country's president has said that it's naive for

1 us to continue and to think that we can grow our nuclear  
2 stockpile, for the Russians to continue to grow their  
3 nuclear stockpile, and for our allies to continue to grow  
4 their nuclear stockpiles, and for us to think that we can  
5 pressure Iran and North Korea not to pursue nuclear weapons  
6 themselves.

7 Building the Uranium Processing Facility is a huge  
8 risk to our environment. I want my grandchildren to grow up  
9 in a world free of nuclear weapons, and I want all children  
10 and their offspring just to be able to grow up.

11 The only safe alternative is Alternative 6 that is  
12 being proposed by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace  
13 Alliance.

14 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

15 Greg Rudy. And he will be followed by Donald Clark.

16 MR. RUDY: My name is Greg Rudy. I live in  
17 Knoxville, work in Oak Ridge, and I'm a member of the B&W  
18 Y-12 Community Relations Council. I'd like to summarize a  
19 resolution that was passed by our council. (As read)

20 WHEREAS, the NNSA is transforming the Nuclear  
21 Security Enterprise to become more efficient and  
22 cost-effective while meeting the national security needs of  
23 the 21st Century; and

24 WHEREAS, Y-12 is a premier manufacturing facility  
25 dedicated to making the nation and world a safe place, and

1 as such plays a vital role within the national Nuclear  
2 Security Enterprise; and

3 WHEREAS, the preferred alternative as described in  
4 the Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement is identified  
5 as Alternative 4: Capability-sized UPF; and

6 WHEREAS, included in the alternative is the  
7 construction of a Complex Command Center;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE B&W Y-12  
9 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL; that the Council strongly  
10 supports and urges NNSA to implement the preferred  
11 alternative.

12 (Attached Exhibit 10)

13 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

14 Donald Clark will be followed by Marcus Keyes.

15 MR. CLARK: I'm Don Clark representing the  
16 Cumberland Countians for Peace & Justice and Network for  
17 Environmental & Economic Responsibility of United Church of  
18 Christ. My testimony is a good-sized folder. (As read)

19 The articles on one side are on nuclear weapons and  
20 nuclear power, public participation, risk assessment, and  
21 the precautionary principal. They deserve consideration and  
22 the precautionary principle warrants adoption because it  
23 relates to all your work and certainly is important in  
24 drafting a competent environmental impact statement.

25 I implore you to use this kind of terminology, pay

1 attention to the growing literature and the growing usage of  
2 the precautionary principle the world over, particularly in  
3 the European Union.

4 In my view, you need to employ principles and  
5 procedures in a book called Design for Decision. You will  
6 discover the probability event chains are based on data that  
7 passes through two systems; a predicting system and a values  
8 system, which are not at all clear in this EIS or in any of  
9 the Department of Energy publications.

10 These two systems lead to analysis by decision  
11 criteria. And I'm not clear and you're not clear, I'm  
12 afraid, of what these are. And they certainly are not ever  
13 communicated or communicated properly. You need to  
14 communicate comprehensively, forthrightly without "snowing"  
15 the reader; and that is not only possible and honest, but  
16 also necessary as the writers of this EIS. Environmental  
17 impact statements are victims of an EIS process as practiced  
18 by you and no one else.

19 The groups I represent support the 6th Alternative,  
20 the alternative by OREPA. It is important to note that an  
21 EIS is subject to revision with every relevant study and new  
22 insight.

23 MR. BROWN: About one minute remaining.

24 MR. CLARK: Okay. I'll do it.

25 I am referring right now to a new article out

1 Radioactive Rivers and Rain: Routine Releases of Tritiated  
2 Water from Nuclear Power Plants. Like the one down the road  
3 which serves this facility. You've got to always consider  
4 other things.

5 To be blunt, your EIS, in my view, is seriously  
6 flawed; only partially supports what is being considered;  
7 and the whole project is, of course, outdated now, unneeded,  
8 unsafe, immoral, unrealistic, based on half-truths,  
9 falsehoods, inadequate regulations; and should lead to an  
10 analysis of an entirely different alternative future, one of  
11 which would be just converting this whole facility to  
12 weapons dismantlement.

13 Thank you. This is my exhibit, the entire folder.

14 (Attached Collective Exhibit 11 Green Folder)

15 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

16 Marcus Keyes is next and Evora Kreis will follow.

17 MR. KEYES: Good evening everyone. My name is  
18 Marcus Keyes. I am a U.S. Citizen, one who acquired an  
19 accent from another country fifty years ago. (Laughter)

20 (As read) But tonight I speak as a director of the  
21 Glenmary Commission on Justice, a commission of a Roman  
22 Catholic religious community mission in eight, nine states  
23 of the south, including Tennessee where I live which is in  
24 Washburn, Tennessee. Let me repeat, Washburn, just to get  
25 it correctly.

1           I want to make clear my personal opposition and that  
2 of the Commission I direct to the plan to build a new \$3.5  
3 billion bomb plant at Y-12 here in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

4           We oppose this gross and sinful use of taxpayers  
5 money and resources. For Congress to have put 94 million  
6 into designing this proposed new facility for the production  
7 of weapons of annihilation and to spend \$3.5 billion to  
8 build it is at any time and anywhere an abomination. But to  
9 do so at a time when President Obama speaks about his hopes  
10 for a nuclear-free world is truly astounding and very, very  
11 dangerous. It is, I think, a clear sign that the majority  
12 in Congress, the majority of DOE, and unfortunately the  
13 majority in the NNSA are losing their minds and their souls.

14           To follow through on these plans would be a crime  
15 against humanity not only for what such a facility would  
16 produce into the future but for taking the resources away  
17 from essential human needs such as healthcare, good  
18 education, good housing, as well as from environmental  
19 protection and environmental enhancement.

20           MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

21           MR. KEYES: This plan is not necessary and will not  
22 contribute in any way to our security as a nation.

23           I ask everyone who is involved in this plan to  
24 rethink their involvement, including the scientists and the  
25 -- what do we call it -- the weapon industrial and academia

1 complex to rethink their role: Are they life-enhancing or  
2 just dealing? And that would include the workers who have  
3 supported this. And I would challenge the unions and the  
4 workers to rethink their position. Some of these workers,  
5 of course, are going to lose their jobs, others are going to  
6 gain new work.

7 I would ask everyone to please reconsider that  
8 question in relation to their contribution to  
9 life-enhancement or just dealing. If we keep silent, we  
10 will go down the road of destruction and death. And the  
11 Glenmary Commission, finally, would like to support  
12 Alternative 6 proposed by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace  
13 Alliance.

14 And I thank you for giving me the opportunity to  
15 speak here this evening. Thank you.

16 (Attached Exhibit 12)

17 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

18 Our next speaker is Evora Kreis.

19 MS. KREIS: My name is Evora Kreis. I'm 11 years  
20 old.

21 And I believe if you build this bomb plant it would  
22 be like giving the entire future generation a huge nasty  
23 toxic trash bag this year, whether it be for Christmas or  
24 Quansa or everyday upon us. Because instead of stopping the  
25 production of bombs and promoting world peace, not only will

1 we stop making the nukes, we will be making many more bombs  
2 than we already have while we needed to get rid of the ones  
3 we already have.

4 This brings me back to the trash bag. If you make  
5 this bomb plant, you'll be making bombs. Right? Well, this  
6 creates nuclear waste, making over time a huge nasty toxic  
7 trash bag out of our Earth.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

10 Glenda Struss-Keyes is next to be followed by  
11 Reverend Marcia Free.

12 People do seem reluctant to look over and see the  
13 one-minute sign. Glance over here occasionally.

14 MS. STRUSS-KEYES: I will be much briefer than  
15 Marcus Keyes. (Laughter)

16 My name is Glenda Struss-Keyes and I am a member of  
17 OREPA. I'm also just here as a citizen. I live in Grainger  
18 County, Washburn. (As read)

19 I stand here and hope that some day there will be no  
20 bomb complex in Oak Ridge and that we can live in a nuclear-  
21 free world.

22 But tonight the discussion is focused on this new  
23 proposed new \$3.5 billion plant. That's 3.5 billion. It  
24 seems strange to me that we have media-covered town hall  
25 meetings and endless haggling over proposed healthcare

1 reform legislation where there is actually evidence that  
2 reform is needed. And yet we so easily can try to build a  
3 new bomb plant with little media coverage and provide only a  
4 small window for discussion. And besides that, there's no  
5 evidence that there is need for such a new facility.

6 I fully support Alternate 6 that has been put  
7 forward by OREPA and agree that the current facilities can  
8 be upgraded enough for safety and security. The current  
9 stockpile is more than sufficient. We have enough reliable  
10 warheads. I see this as an interim step towards  
11 dismantlement and ultimately ridding the world of nuclear  
12 weapons.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

15 Next is Reverend Marcia Free and she will be  
16 followed by Emma McLeod.

17 MS. FREE: My name is Marcia Free and I support  
18 OREPA Alternative 6.

19 I would like to say that I've listened to words  
20 about safety, security, and efficiency spoken in a very  
21 rational and reasonable voice; a very well put together  
22 program talking about global threat reduction.

23 Well, global threat reduction did not save us from  
24 9-11. And global threat reduction has not saved us from the  
25 wars since World War II. Global threat reduction has done

1 nothing to bring about a time of peace when none of our  
2 young men and women have need to go to war.

3 The "elephant in the room," ladies and gentlemen,  
4 this evening about this modernization is our mushrooming  
5 fear. Whether it's because of how we need to feed our  
6 children. Just think about what \$3.5 billion could do to  
7 build an economic community in Oak Ridge that would feed how  
8 many children; what good education? We could all have  
9 healthcare.

10 Dismantle the weapons, I heard. Yes, I agree, let's  
11 dismantle the weapons. Do you remember a Republican  
12 President Abraham Lincoln? And he said to us something like  
13 -- not a good quote here -- the way to rid yourself of an  
14 enemy is to make them a friend. Just think what \$3.5  
15 billion could do for our diplomacy around the world and for  
16 my grandchildren too.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

19 Emma McLeod, you're up. She'll be followed by Erik  
20 Johnson.

21 MS. McLEOD: Thank you. My name is Emma McLeod and  
22 I'm in the 6th grade. My papa is Ralph Hutchison and he  
23 works for the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

24 And I have learned from him that war is not the  
25 answer. We don't need to build more bombs. We have enough

1 bombs to blow up the world. And just in case nobody knows,  
2 we don't really need to do that.

3 Building a new bomb plant isn't what we need; it's  
4 only what some people want. I believe that people who do  
5 want another bomb plant might just be afraid, afraid that we  
6 don't have enough power. Let me just tell you that we don't  
7 need any more power. We already have power. Think about  
8 it.

9 How can your kids make friends from other countries  
10 if the government is bombing them? Let me just tell you,  
11 that is what I worried about when I was in the airport this  
12 summer ready to go to an international peace village for  
13 kids.

14 This bomb plant is one more step to a world without  
15 love or friends. I still dream about my friends getting  
16 bombed. I see the horror on Robin's face as her family and  
17 friends are left waiting on the street. I've seen the  
18 posters of the victims that Papa brings out for the  
19 Hiroshima Day Protest. And I've had the nightmares of my  
20 family being bombed. I've seen Evora and Casey's horrified  
21 faces as their houses and hopes go up in flames.

22 I know that this is one step too many. I must say  
23 I've seen some pretty dumb decisions in my life, but this  
24 might be the most idiotic decision. We can't let this  
25 happen.

1 Thank you for your time.

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

3 Erik Johnson. Erik will be followed by James  
4 Foster.

5 MR. JOHNSON: (As read) My name is Erik Johnson. I  
6 am a member of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.  
7 I am a Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Minister member of the  
8 Presbytery of East Tennessee Peace Making Committee.

9 And I am here to denounce with every fiber of my  
10 being, as I have done all of my adulthood, plans to build a  
11 new bomb plant and to argue that Creation is at risk because  
12 of the weapons that we have already built and deployed and  
13 those being prepared for an extended life of over 100 years.

14 And I am here to support Papa Ralph Hutchison's  
15 (Laughter) presentation of Alternative 6 from the Oak Ridge  
16 Environmental Peace Alliance.

17 My friends, there is a touch of melancholy at the  
18 edges of our lives. It is not just growing up and growing  
19 older that has occurred to all of us, to our families and  
20 other loves ones, the people in the communities where we  
21 live, and our global neighbors. We don't respond in the  
22 same way when we are badly shaken by the events of our times  
23 by random violence, by millions of people clogging roads to  
24 refugee camps because of famines, and unjustified brutality  
25 of wars and rumors of world wars, the depletion of the

1 Earth's resources, the discovery of prejudices deeper in our  
2 own hearts, dishonesty in high places, and the insatiable  
3 appetite to build more and more and more weapons of mass  
4 destruction out of desperation for a false sense of  
5 security.

6 Decade after decade this bomb plant at Y-12 has  
7 contributed to nuclear proliferation throughout the world  
8 and throughout our own county. And a vision for its  
9 dismantlement to move our world toward one without nuclear  
10 weapons has been trampled repeatedly upon.

11 I am here to remind you that in all these years  
12 since the bombs produced at Y-12 and dropped on the peoples  
13 of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there has always been another  
14 side -- the sunny side of the street.

15 MR. BROWN: One minute please.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Rather than withdrawal or quiet  
17 resignation that the dream of a peacable world without these  
18 weapons of mass destruction is not possible, there is a  
19 community of simple folks both here in East Tennessee and  
20 around the world who have linked hand-in-hand in unity with  
21 others in a world of bloodshed and cry and fear. People who  
22 practice another dimension. It is a vision.

23 It is more substantial than any of the bombs that  
24 are built here at this plant. It is a sense that has been  
25 given to each of us and to all people of this Earth by a

1 loving and creating God -- a design, an intention for our  
2 world, a oneness with other human beings and all creatures  
3 even with those now gathered and those who are yet to come  
4 -- a connection that goes beyond nation-state, beyond race,  
5 beyond folkways which bind communities together around  
6 religion or values or culture; a sense that what we are,  
7 these other people around the world are also. What they  
8 need and for their living and for our own living, is that we  
9 need one another. It is what makes us human. This Holy  
10 connection.

11 On each Sunday here at the gates of Y-12 we hold  
12 vigils to promote this vision. We remind ourselves: What  
13 is at stake here? It is the very care and protection of the  
14 Earth. We remember that we dare not drop the memories of  
15 the people who died to Hiroshima and Nagasaki and continue  
16 to die, and the cost of these weapons to the people around  
17 the world with the denial and the withdrawal for healthcare,  
18 house, education --

19 MR. BROWN: I'm sorry, your time is up.

20 MR. JOHNSON: We anchor ourselves in the power of  
21 nonviolent love that frees us to take a hard look at the  
22 harsh reality of these times in the hope of glimpsing a  
23 vision of love and justice and peace.

24 And Alternative 6 from the Oak Ridge Environmental  
25 Peace Alliance helps moves us toward that vision.

1           Thank you.

2                           (Attached Exhibit 14)

3           MR. BROWN: Thank you.

4           James Foster is next and then Annette Mendola.

5           I hate to interrupt people, but we do have about 40  
6 speakers remaining; and it's really only fair to those who  
7 signed up to speak, if you can observe the three minutes.  
8 It will allow others to speak, because there is an attrition  
9 rate as we get into the evening. So I'll try and keep  
10 people at three minutes.

11           Thanks. Go ahead.

12           MR. FOSTER: Thank you. I'm James Foster. I wear  
13 many hats. First of all, I'm a Christian Theologian; I'm  
14 curator of the Peace Institute, which is an international  
15 organization, and I'm Director of the Peace Institute of  
16 East Tennessee. (As read)

17           I'm speaking as a Christian Theologian here tonight.  
18 I will be sending a much longer statement in writing along  
19 this same line. I wish to add to the record that the  
20 proposed development of new facilities for the research and  
21 development and production of nuclear weapons is immoral,  
22 hypocritical, and counter-productive. It's counter-  
23 productive to the best and highest interest of the United  
24 States and to world peace.

25           Such development can not be justified ethically,

1 morally, or biblically. There is no moral justification, no  
2 morale rationale for the acquisition of more nuclear  
3 weaponry.

4 The proposed development can only serve to further  
5 sully the reputation of the United States and will seriously  
6 compromise our claim to moral leadership in the world.

7 Thank you.

8 (Attached Exhibit 15)

9 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

10 Annette. And Mitzi Wood-Von Mizener will follow  
11 her.

12 That whistling you heard was our court reporter  
13 desperately seeking her printed copies. So if you don't  
14 want to be whistled at (Laughter) just step forward.

15 Thank you.

16 MS. MENDOLA: Okay. My name is Annette Mendola.  
17 I'm a Knoxville mom and a teacher. Moms and teachers know  
18 that when there's conflict, as we have tonight, we look for  
19 what we can agree on. That's our starting point.

20 And I think that we can agree that all things being  
21 equal, the world would be a better place if there was no  
22 nuclear weapons anywhere. We can agree on that, I think.

23 They're dangerous to make, they're dangerous to  
24 store, they're dangerous to possess, and they're expensive.  
25 If no one had any, we would all be better off. And we can

1 agree, I think, that such a world, a world with no nuclear  
2 weapons, would be so much better that it's worth working  
3 for.

4 Smart, informed people across the span of the  
5 political spectrum think it's possible and critical to  
6 attain such a world. Right? We've got George Schultz, Sam  
7 Nunn, William Perry, Henry Kissinger, and President Obama,  
8 right, all calling for such a world.

9 And we're at a critical junction. We must  
10 demonstrate to the rest of the world and to ourselves our  
11 commitment to reducing our stockpile of nuclear weapons to  
12 zero; leading the world in the right direction.

13 Operating a new snazzy low-impact nuclear weapons  
14 plant may be better than operating an outside (sic) and  
15 decrepid nuclear plant, but it's still operating a nuclear  
16 weapons plant and it's leading the world in the wrong  
17 direction.

18 Let me add my voice urging the adoption of OREPA's  
19 Alternative 6.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

22 Mitzi Wood-Von Mizener is speaking now and Bill  
23 Nickle will follow her.

24 MS. WOOD-VON MIZENER: I come tonight. I am the  
25 Director OF the Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center.

1       However, I don't think anybody -- some of the few that are  
2       here -- knows that I am officially here tonight, so I'm not  
3       going to bring in that organization.  However, I can't  
4       imagine anyone who is concerned about this would not mind my  
5       presence here tonight.

6               I am here tonight more as a woman, as a person, as a  
7       citizen, as a Tennessean, as an earthling to support  
8       Alternative 6 as proposed by OREPA for many reasons.  The  
9       presentation that was made earlier tonight, I don't know if  
10      the word "bomb" was ever mentioned, although I've heard it  
11      since.  But when we talk about Y-12 and the new plant, we're  
12      talking about a bomb plant.

13              And bombs, whatever environmental action or  
14      investigations or research is done, bombs destroy the  
15      environment.  And the environment contains people, animals,  
16      plants, landscapes, children.  So in that way I speak in  
17      opposition to this plant.

18              Also I speak as a woman because I think women,  
19      whether we bear children or not, we are all mothers.  We are  
20      all -- when we become adults, whether we're men or women, we  
21      assume responsibilities to the children.  We assume these  
22      responsibilities to the children closest to us.  But I  
23      believe in my heart we have responsibilities to children all  
24      over this planet.

25              How do we teach children to resolve conflict

1 peacefully if we can't do so ourselves? So at the heart in  
2 this nuclear proliferation is a message and a value that we  
3 pass on to generations to generations; to solve conflict by  
4 intimidation or through violence.

5 Now, I know that there are some that can say that  
6 I'm naive and that some of the others who have spoken are  
7 naive, especially the little ones because they're sweet and  
8 soft spoken. But I recall from my own religious upbringing  
9 that Jesus Christ Himself was the Prince of Peace. And  
10 there's a lot that is put forth in the name of religion.

11 But if we are a Christian Nation, so to speak, my  
12 Christian upbringing also taught me that my responsibility  
13 was not just to wear a title or a badge that would kind of  
14 give me free passage into another afterlife, but to be an  
15 example. As Americans we seek to be examples and those  
16 folks who proclaim to be Christian seek to be examples.

17 And I say this to everyone here who is a father and  
18 a mother and a brother and an aunt and an uncle -- and  
19 that's all of us -- we have a responsibility now. These  
20 decisions are important and will affect generations to come.  
21 This is our little blink in time. The decisions we make set  
22 the future for a very long time; how you want to be  
23 remembered or what impact do you want to make as  
24 individuals.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

2 Bill Nickle and then William Brumley.

3 MR. NICKLE: My name is Bill Nickle and I'm a  
4 retired United Methodist Minister and I'm representing the  
5 Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center.

6 And this is the most critical time in the life of  
7 the human species on this planet now. What we saw in the  
8 initial presentation tonight, putting it bluntly, was a snow  
9 job. The word "bomb" wasn't mentioned.

10 Do we really need more bombs? Do we really need to  
11 expand our nuclear warheads? No. I don't think there's any  
12 question on anybody's mind that's intelligent that we need  
13 to expand. I'm here tonight to say Alternative 6 from OREPA  
14 is the position we need to take.

15 Fifteen miles from here on December the 22nd there  
16 was a disaster. It wasn't the worst toxic disaster in the  
17 history of North America, down here at the Harriman steam  
18 plant. No, it wasn't.

19 The worst toxic disaster, human toxic disaster, is  
20 right where we're standing; making nuclear weapons and  
21 trying to clean this mess up. Yes, we need to clean it up.  
22 And hopefully maybe this will get cleaned up and many, many  
23 people can be employed to do that.

24 But there's no way, no way that we can continue to  
25 make bombs and say that this is an environmental stewardship

1 of the planet. This big beautiful blue ball of which we're  
2 a part of as Earthlings. Let's go for Alternative No. 6.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

5 William Brumley and Bob Rundle will be next.

6 MR. BRUMLEY: (As read) My name is William Brumley,  
7 currently retired -- almost. I live in Kingston, down the  
8 road. (As read)

9 And I was the NNSA Y-12 Site Office Manager from  
10 early 2000 to March of '06.

11 I believe I have a better understanding than most of  
12 what actually goes on out there; the existing facilities,  
13 missions, and needs for improvements to what we have just  
14 behind us.

15 I was one of the early proponents of UPF and played  
16 a part in its initial authorization.

17 In my 37 years of Federal Service, I don't believe  
18 I've seen a major construction project that had a stronger  
19 justification of building a new facility. And let me tell  
20 you why.

21 First, UPF improves safety. The exiting facilities  
22 out there are old, they're not designed to current  
23 standards, and safety is maintained through compensatory  
24 measures and controls. But administrative controls and comp  
25 measures should be the last resort to protect the workers

1 and the environment, not the first. It needs to be  
2 engineered in the facility. Extensive engineering to these  
3 old facilities are impractical. You can do them, but  
4 they're going to be prohibitively expensive and you're going  
5 to be spending money on facilities that have an  
6 extraordinarily short lifetime left.

7 Second, UPF improves security and a major reduction  
8 in the cost of providing that material. Whether we like it  
9 or not, that enriched uranium is out there and is going to  
10 be there for a while. The new facility, along with the  
11 HEUMF, will cut the size of the highly-protected area down  
12 to ten percent of its current size. It will require fewer  
13 guards, fewer guns to protect; and, yet, at the same time  
14 will provide a higher level of security.

15 Believe me, the bad guys have the technology. They  
16 don't have the material. What's out there has got to be  
17 protected.

18 UPF improves efficiency and reduces costs. Studies  
19 have shown that when a piece of uranium comes in the door  
20 out there it can move seven miles back and forth between  
21 facilities as it goes through the process of storage,  
22 dismantlement, back into storage, fabrication, inspections,  
23 surveillance, and then finally storage again before its  
24 final disposition.

25 Having the entire operation in two buildings greatly

1 reduces all that transportation of material back and forth;  
2 and the transportation risk, as small as they are, they're  
3 there with security and safety.

4 The fourth justification is the UPF maintains the  
5 capability to dismantle components for long-term storage and  
6 to provide that material for non-proliferation uses in  
7 research reactors, civilian reactors, naval nuclear  
8 reactors.

9 Finally, the fifth justification is it maintains the  
10 capability to provide or remanufacture weapons components.  
11 No bombs. But we do make the products that go into bombs.

12 If there were a decision made today that the U.S.  
13 would give up all its nuclear weapons, I think many people  
14 would like to see that. The UPF is fully justified to build  
15 it based on those first four reasons. You've got to protect  
16 it, store it, secure it, and maintain it.

17 The improved efficiency will pay for the facility  
18 itself. It's not new money up front. But between five and  
19 twenty years it's actually paid for itself in savings.

20 So I am a proponent, always have been. I don't  
21 think the mission of that facility is primarily weapons.  
22 Yes, that's what the current's based on today. But we've  
23 got to take care what's out there and protect our working  
24 environments while we do it.

25 Thank you.

1 (Attached Exhibit 16)

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

3 Bob Rundle will be followed by Carol Green.

4 MR. RUNDLE: My name is Bob Rundle from Knoxville.

5 And I've been associated with the organization known as  
6 Spirituality and Global Economics; and I'm also a member of  
7 OREPA.

8 I am here supporting OREPA's Alternative 6 as a way  
9 forward in our working with atomic materials and where we're  
10 going in our economic and nuclear policies.

11 This proposal reflects, I think, the thinking of our  
12 President and also reflects the changes that have been going  
13 on in the worlds in the last several decades, which I'm  
14 afraid some of the other alternatives in the EIS do not.

15 There are two major elements or visions of  
16 Alternative 6. The first shares part of the alternatives  
17 outlined in the EIS that is for downsizing and upgrading the  
18 existing facilities. No question about the need for  
19 upgrades of our facilities here.

20 But the second is a whole new kind of vision, and  
21 that is building a facility for the dismantlement of nuclear  
22 weapons. And that, in terms of where we're headed for in  
23 the near future, is going to become an increasing need for  
24 dismantlement.

25 As a dismantlement facility, it could make great use

1 of the skilled labor force that Oak Ridge does have. But  
2 convert it from the making and manufacture of atomic weapons  
3 into the dismantlement, storage, and so on.

4 The proposal for the --

5 MR. BROWN: One minute, please.

6 MR. RUNDLE: The proposal for the new Uranium  
7 Processing Facility, I believe, is deeply flawed with lots  
8 of things. Let me just give you a couple to mention.

9 First of all, not needed for either military or  
10 security reasons. That may sound strange, but think about  
11 it for a minute. This new plant is not needed for either  
12 military or security reasons.

13 The driving force, I think, is not military or  
14 security things but economic. I think we're talking  
15 economics here for a driving force. In the proposal stating  
16 \$3.4 trillion on a plant to be finished in 2018, when  
17 there's a point there's a good chance it won't even be  
18 needed, seems to be to be the height of poor planning.

19 We may need to starting immediately talking about  
20 doing something about dismantlement, which will be needed.

21 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

22 Carol Green. Wayne Roquemore will follow Carol.

23 MS. GREEN: I'm Carol Green from Maryville,  
24 Tennessee, which is nearby. (As read)

25 Children in the public elementary school where I

1 assist are actively caring for the Earth through the Ijams  
2 Nature Center's Earth Flag Program. We recycle everything,  
3 compost daily, garden, and develop Earth Stewards through  
4 the Earth Club. So I bring concerns of earthlings and their  
5 families about the safety of living at Ground Zero. How can  
6 we care for the earth while we prepare to destroy it?

7 As a United Methodist, I strongly support our Social  
8 Principles on War and Peace which concludes: "that the  
9 manufacture, sale, and deployment of armaments must be  
10 reduced and controlled; and that the production, possession,  
11 or use of nuclear weapons be condemned; and consequently, we  
12 endorse general and complete disarmament under strict and  
13 effective international control."

14 The United Methodist bishops joined Roman Catholic  
15 bishops back in the '80s in stating that nuclear weapons  
16 were not good for God's earth. Recently, the United  
17 Methodist Church joined with four major ecumenical groups in  
18 writing a letter to the leaders of NATO, the European Union,  
19 the United States, and Russia to declare our backing of  
20 nuclear disarmament. We support the ratification of the  
21 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the strengthening of the  
22 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty as well as the signing of  
23 the anticipated new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with  
24 Russia.

25 The Y-12 nuclear complex in our neighborhood causes

1 concerns about safety. We've recently had enough  
2 earthquakes to cause landslides in East Tennessee. We know  
3 the New Madras Fault is not that far away. Since its major  
4 earthquake in 1812 rang church bells in Boston,  
5 Massachusetts, it could no more than ring the Friendship  
6 Bell in Oak Ridge. We are also vulnerable to acts of human  
7 error and computer failure, terrorists, or rampages of  
8 highly disturbed individuals as we've experienced at the  
9 Oklahoma federal building and now at Ft. Hood, Texas.

10 Since the Obama administration has yet to produce  
11 the new Nuclear Posture Review, this proposal for a new  
12 Uranium Processing Facility at the cost of at least \$3.5  
13 billion seems out-of-step. We are more urgently in need of  
14 such funds for universal health care.

15 So let's keep Y-12 workers busy with the 12- to  
16 15-year backlog of retired weapons waiting for dismantling.  
17 Let's do work to upgrade the security and safety and  
18 consolidate the facilities. And then again, I'm not sure  
19 how we can secure nuclear materials from earthquakes.

20 So thank you for listening attentively. And we do  
21 support the OREPA Alternative 6.

22 (Attached Exhibit 17)

23 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

24 Wayne Roquemore and then Rick Brown.

25 MR. ROQUEMORE: I'm Wayne Roquemore, Chair Elect of

1 the East Tennessee Economic Council, more commonly referred  
2 to as ETEC.

3 ETEC is a nonprofit membership based organization  
4 and represents about 185 corporations and individuals that  
5 do business here in Oak Ridge and the surrounding  
6 communities. Our mission is to support federal programs and  
7 encourage economic development -- regional economic  
8 development.

9 We support Alternative 4 which is the Capability-  
10 sized EPF and I would like to read this letter of support  
11 into the record. (As read)

12 "Dear Pam Gorman: I am writing you in support of  
13 the proposed Uranium Processing Facility at the Y-12  
14 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge. This facility will  
15 be another anchor in the modernization initiative currently  
16 underway at Y-12. It enhances the safety and health of the  
17 workforce, and it is the most effective plan to carry out  
18 the on-going and crucial national security missions  
19 performed at the Y-12 complex. This letter represents the  
20 East Tennessee Economic Council's full support of this  
21 preferred capability based option.

22 "In early 2006, NNSA developed a planning scenario  
23 for what the nuclear weapons complex would look like in  
24 2030. One of the four long-term strategies in this scenario  
25 is to transform to a modernized, cost-effective nuclear

1 weapons complex. In October 2006, NNSA published the  
2 Complex 2030 - An Infrastructure Planning Scenario for a  
3 Nuclear Weapons Complex Able to Meet the Threats of the 21st  
4 Century. This Complex 2030 vision designates Y-12 as NNSA's  
5 Uranium Center of Excellence, supports the completion of  
6 construction of the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials  
7 Facility, and calls for the construction of the Uranium  
8 Processing Facility. This transformation vision reaffirms  
9 Y-12's role in the NWC and supports the modernization of  
10 those functions.

11 "Our region has always been strong supporters of the  
12 uranium processing and nuclear related missions in the Oak  
13 Ridge complex. We are prepared to continue to fully support  
14 such missions and to continue to invest in regional  
15 workforce development that is required for these operations.  
16 We do believe that Y-12's continued role in the  
17 manufacturing and disassembling of nuclear warhead  
18 components should be conducted in modernized facilities with  
19 cost-effective and safety-focused processes. We think this  
20 preferred option of a new UPF achieves this objective.

21 "Thank you for your considerations of these  
22 comments. Please include them in the official record of  
23 this EIS."

24 Thank you.

25 (Attached Exhibit 18)

1 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

2 We have a timeout request from the court reporter.

3 So we'll take, I guess, about a five-minute break.

4 We'll be back with Rick Brown and then Elizabeth  
5 Singley.

6 (A break was taken.)

7 MR. BROWN: If everyone will take their seats, we'll  
8 resume our public comments.

9 Rick Brown is making his way rapidly to the podium.

10 If you folks will take your seats, please.

11 MR. RICH BROWN: My name is Rick Brown and I come  
12 from Sevier County and I've lived most of my life -- well,  
13 the last 40 years anyway -- in the greater Knoxville area,  
14 downwind from Oak Ridge. And my roots are in Tennessee way  
15 back.

16 But I will say that I appreciate some people that  
17 have come from outside to help us with some things that  
18 we're struggling with here which sometimes seem a little bit  
19 too much for us.

20 The reason that we're here is to talk about the  
21 Environmental Impact Statement. So when I looked at the  
22 Environmental Impact Statement, I expected to see more about  
23 the legacy and environmental problems that we have here.  
24 There's been a lot done. But pollution problems from past  
25 activities have a way to go and I feel needs to have been

1 talked about a lot more because that has the biggest  
2 potential of uplifting the community in creating jobs and  
3 lots of things to be involved in rather than to spend that  
4 money on what it's going to cost, which is the Uranium  
5 Processing Facility.

6 Like several people have said, this is a bomb plant.  
7 Some of the things they've talked about, you know, the  
8 safety, sounds good. I'm all for safety.

9 But the fact, you know, that they're talking about  
10 dismantling, a little bit, I'm all for dismantling. But the  
11 fact is, you know, although they like to talk about  
12 dismantling and that's good public relations, the fact is  
13 that there's a 12- to 50-year backlog now of weapons to be  
14 dismantled.

15 Like several people have said, I think this is the  
16 future of Y-12, the future that should be for Y-12. And I'm  
17 all for keeping jobs here. You know, families have depended  
18 on this for a long time and I want families to continue to  
19 depend on having work here. So the dismantling of these  
20 bombs, there's a good four years of work doing that and  
21 that's creating jobs.

22 Like several people have said, you know, President  
23 Obama says he wants the world free of nuclear weapons. And  
24 this is going in the wrong direction. Because, like I read,  
25 you know, under the Preferred Alternative that's turning out

1 secondaries at about the rate they're doing it now just a  
2 little bit. And that's going to be about half of what the  
3 United States is allowed under the START treaty by the time  
4 this bomb plant comes on line.

5 And President Obama is committed to signing the  
6 START treaty with Russia. So by the time it comes on line,  
7 there won't be a need for the energy secondaries anymore in  
8 these production alternatives. That sounds a lot better and  
9 more in the ballpark in the amount of secondaries that you  
10 need to look at and, you know, to maintain the safety of the  
11 stockpiles. But still, you know, it would be built the same  
12 way as you build it instead of to keep on producing 50 to 80  
13 secondaries.

14 So there's really nothing to keep them from making  
15 more bombs. And the rest of the world is going to look at  
16 us and say, Hey, you know, this looks like the real  
17 state-of-the-art high-tech bomb plant, which is what it is.

18 And people in the media, you know, some of the  
19 politicians and people on both sides are talking about just  
20 stuff and just getting completely bent out of shape about  
21 Iran, which hasn't proved to have any weapons yet --

22 MR. BROWN: Can you make one last comment.

23 MR. RICK BROWN: But they look over here and say,  
24 you know, Look at the bomb plants you're making here. So  
25 this is really not what we want to do.

1           So the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance's  
2           Alternative 6 makes a lot of sense to me in every way, you  
3           know, for continuing jobs, for doing the work that needs to  
4           be done to dismantle these weapons. So I support  
5           Alternative 6.

6           MR. BROWN: All right. Thanks very much.

7           Elizabeth Singley and then Kim Bergier. We're just  
8           about halfway, maybe more than halfway through. We've lost  
9           a couple of people because they've had to go home.

10          So again I would encourage everybody to try to stick  
11          to that three-minute limit so we can get everybody's  
12          statement.

13          MS. SINGLEY: Okay. I understand for three minutes  
14          because I hate getting in front of groups of people.

15          My name is Elizabeth Singley and I lived all around  
16          here. But right now I live Kingston and I come from a long  
17          line of military and government service. My dad fought in  
18          World War II the Pacific Theater, my brother was in nuclear  
19          subs and helped build and design the "J" dams that turned  
20          the dumb bombs into smart bombs for the start of our Iraq  
21          invasion, stuff like that. And I appreciate the patriotism  
22          of not just the people in this community but everybody in  
23          this country who has worked for its defense in various  
24          different ways.

25          The decision on the Y-12 SWEIS does not just belong

1 to this community. It is not just a jobs program. You  
2 know, to look at it just as a jobs program and say this is a  
3 great thing for this area because it'll bring jobs. I know  
4 this area desperately needs jobs, the lab, and TVA, and  
5 everything has pulled this area out of what would have been  
6 another undeveloped part of Appalachia. And people here  
7 need the jobs.

8 But this is for the defense of the entire country;  
9 and every citizen in this country has a stake in what  
10 happens here and what is decided here. I am not -- and my  
11 two ex-husbands would testify -- a peacemaker. (Laughter)  
12 I am not in favor of unilateral of nuclear disarmament, but  
13 disarmament is on its way.

14 The plant's capabilities, Option 4's capabilities  
15 are going to be coming online just as we don't need it any  
16 longer. As soon as we are no longer here in the business of  
17 manufacturing or remanufacturing secondaries, how long do  
18 you think Y-12 is going to stay funded?

19 So the thing that's going to be the future of this  
20 plant is going to be dismantlement, and we need an option  
21 that favors dismantlement.

22 Ralph Hutchison didn't have the time to put forth  
23 all the details of OREPA's Alternative 6, but I looked at  
24 it. And I think that it has the most jobs in it for the  
25 longest period of time, and it goes to something that I

1 think is worthy that the whole world is going to need. It  
2 fits most recently with our future disarmament goals and  
3 timeline. It's the most compatible with our current foreign  
4 policy goals as we're trying to convince, you know, Iran and  
5 North Korea and Russia not to get too frisky.

6 And remember that when people here -- I mean, this  
7 is a short-term injection, a relatively short-term  
8 injection, of \$3.5 billion, which is good; but it's short  
9 term. It's going to benefit a bunch of people for a short  
10 period of time. It's going to automate a bunch of jobs and  
11 it's going to take away a lot of jobs. We need to look at  
12 investing in this area in ways that are going to bring about  
13 the most decades of jobs. These are not going to be jobs  
14 you can give to your grandkids because disarmament is on its  
15 way.

16 At any rate, I go for Alternative 6. I think it  
17 should be included. I think we need to keep an eye on the  
18 future, long-term jobs, and what we can do around here to  
19 keep this area, you know, up the way it's going now; the way  
20 development has gone about.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

23 Ann Steffy and then Kim Bergier.

24 MS. STEFFY: I'm Ann Steffy and I'm from Michigan.  
25 Someone at the beginning said something about outsiders. I

1 really think aliens landing from outerspace would be  
2 outsiders. I think this affects everyone. Ten hours in a  
3 van from Michigan. Not only my right but I really feel like  
4 my duty as a citizen.

5 Also, I'm here in memorial. This is a picture of my  
6 husband whose 65th birthday would have been today had he not  
7 died of lung cancer on October 14th. Bill was peaceful, a  
8 scientist, and a gentleman. And he would have wanted me to  
9 be here today.

10 Years ago we both saw the movie On the Beach, a  
11 fiction that was so fearful that we were afraid to have  
12 children. We both waited for many years until nature took  
13 its course and we finally began them.

14 But what it showed us is that as nuclear weapons  
15 proliferate -- as we'll be building here and are building  
16 here -- not only is it possible but it's more probable that  
17 they will be used by a madman or by a man who's just mad, or  
18 by one nation state against another. Also, as I said  
19 earlier from outerspace, it's one planet. There's no dotted  
20 lines between countries and one country can certainly blow  
21 up the land and the people and the animals and the plants in  
22 another country as a way to stop a conflict. What a waste.

23 Another thing is this. I'm a social worker and I  
24 know an addict when I see one. And my simple definition of  
25 addition is this. No matter what happens, that's what you

1 do to fix it. Okay? So you're sad, you drink; you're mad,  
2 you drink; you're happy, you drink; you're scared, you  
3 drink; you're ashamed that you drink, you drink; or you  
4 smoke or you gamble or you eat or you build weapons. We are  
5 so stuck. I love my country and I think my country is an  
6 addict.

7 I think there is hope for my country and I think  
8 there is hope that we're all here. For Bill -- can I enter  
9 Bill in the record here? For Bill and my self, I just want  
10 to say this. We like many others here vote for OREPA's  
11 Alternative No. 6.

12 Thanks.

13 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

14 Kim Bergier. And Kim will be followed by Judy  
15 Markle.

16 MS. BERGIER: I also drove from Michigan this  
17 morning. There's five of us now. (As read)

18 My name is Kim Bergier and I'm with the Michigan  
19 Stop The Nuclear Bombs Campaign (MISTNBC). We've added  
20 "nuclear" to our name. But are unofficially associated with  
21 OREPA's "Stop the Bombs Campaign." MISTNBC is made up of  
22 individual volunteers, some representing a variety of peace  
23 groups in Michigan. Since August 2000, when I started to  
24 come down to join my sister Carol, there have been 294  
25 people from Michigan who have traveled the 1,040 miles

1 roundtrip, once or twice a year, to join people from around  
2 the country at OREPA's events in Oak Ridge and Knoxville.  
3 As a growing number of people who have made multiple trips,  
4 539 documented individual trips have been made, including 5  
5 for today. These people include different religious and  
6 Christian denominations. There have been students to  
7 teachers and veterans to scientists, ages from 9 years to  
8 90.

9 Thank you for holding these public hearings. Pam,  
10 I was wondering if you will be reading the statements that  
11 were made last year? I know technically you don't have to,  
12 but there were quite a few individuals who wanted to come  
13 down but couldn't make it and they worked really hard on  
14 their statements last year. I would like to register my  
15 complaint that these hearings are being held in the middle  
16 of the week and having to lose three days of paid work to be  
17 able to do this. And there were some people who wanted to  
18 come but couldn't because of the inconvenience.

19 Speaking of challenging economic times, I am  
20 outraged that Y-12 still plans to build a \$3.5 billion new  
21 Uranium Processing Facility. Not only is this something I  
22 think we cannot afford, it decreases the United States  
23 credibility in being able to convince Iran and North Korea  
24 and other countries that they cannot have nuclear weapons.  
25 Given the threats being made to both of these countries by

1 some people in the United States to bomb them with nuclear  
2 weapons, doesn't this give them the right to build nuclear  
3 weapons in self-defense?

4 How can any new nuclear bomb plant possibly pass an  
5 Environmental Impact Statement if you look at the  
6 consequences of the bombs ever being used? Even if they are  
7 never used, there's protection in case of natural disasters.  
8 And then the cancers. I not heard any mention of cancer of  
9 the workers. I happened to meet an RN, who lives here in  
10 Oak Ridge, who confided in me that a lot of the numbers that  
11 are printed, like in The Oak Ridger, are misleading because  
12 a lot of the workers die when they go back home. They  
13 may be from another area.

14 One last point, because I know my times almost up.  
15 I am outraged that you're following through on this EIS  
16 using the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review without waiting for  
17 Obama's Nuclear Posture Review. That sets a basis of where  
18 you're working from. And that is provocative. There is a  
19 rational threat and diabolic position from pre-emptive war  
20 against some non-nuclear countries.

21 In conclusion, of course I support OREPA's no  
22 production Alternative 6. And I wholly support the  
23 direction Barack Obama is leading. I've been working on his  
24 campaign.

25 Thank you very much.

1           MR. BROWN: The court reporter is requesting a copy  
2 of your statement.

3           MS. BERGIER: Can I mail it to you?

4           THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.

5                               (Attached Exhibit 19)

6           MR. BROWN: Judy Markle is next and then William

7           MS. MARKLE: Hello. I'm Judy Markle from the Metro  
8 Detroit area. My primary commitment is with the U.S. Grail  
9 and our national center for that movement is halfway here.  
10 But I've only been there once this year and this is my third  
11 trip down here. I've been coming for 7 years.

12           When I was here for the last public hearing on this  
13 whole process, what came upon very strongly to me then was  
14 there were many, many people in this auditorium and the  
15 majority of them wanted their jobs maintained. I am amazed  
16 tonight that they're not here from the plants.

17           But along with that, when I was here back at the  
18 last one, I talked about two moms; that when they heard I  
19 was coming to Oak Ridge and they didn't know why, but the  
20 first thing they said to me was their concern for their  
21 adult children who were on rowing teams. One was a student  
22 down here and that school still practices here, of course,  
23 but they chose a site near Cincinnati for their contest.  
24 And the other team was the University of Michigan. They  
25 came here once for a week. And to use the students' terms,

1       it was gross, that water; and they've never returned. But  
2       the moms are still worried about their future health from  
3       being exposed to this environment. It's so beautiful. But  
4       they saw the reality of the consequences of what's been  
5       going on down here.

6               And when I was here last April, I found a newspaper  
7       article by Frank Munger in the Knoxville News and I was  
8       thrilled to see that the people in the know here had the  
9       knowledge to apply for stimulus fronts from the American  
10      Recovery and Reinvestment Act. And they got --

11             MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

12             MS. MARKLE: Thank you. -- and they got \$755  
13      million and they knew quite well where all the safety issues  
14      were and applied them to four different agencies down here.

15             What I know from all this is that if we want jobs in  
16      this area for the people that the place to turn to is  
17      dismantlement and seeking out the funds that are available.

18             Unfortunately, this article from the Knoxville News,  
19      those funds end September 30, 2010. But the money that  
20      would be used for a new plant was supplied to continue this  
21      process that's begun. It will not only be a lot of  
22      healthier place here for anybody who travels here but there  
23      would be jobs for these people too.

24             Tonight I heard only 750 jobs only are going to be  
25      lost with the Preferred Alternative, but 1,500 jobs have

1       been acquired for this stimulus fund project.

2               More importantly --

3               MR. BROWN:  Have you got one more point or just  
4       wrapping up?

5               MS. MARKLE:  Just wrapping up.

6               So I think that if we follow Alternative 6 and work  
7       at dismantlement we will both find the jobs for the people  
8       down here and create a safer world for all of us.

9               Thank you.

10                               (Attached Exhibit 20)

11               MR. BROWN:  Thank you.

12               William Hickey.  And he'll be followed by William  
13       Wilcox.

14               MR. HICKEY:  Good evening.  My name is William  
15       Hickey.  I'm also from Detroit, Michigan; member of Michigan  
16       Stop the Nuclear Bombs Campaign.  I'm here because I have a  
17       right to rid the world free of nuclear weapons.

18               And what happens here in this part of Tennessee at  
19       Y-12 is a threat to that right and what's planned to happen  
20       here is a threat to that right.

21               In describing our country's efforts at combating  
22       global warming, thus far Willim Stunns (phonetic) likens it  
23       to being in your car and intending to drive to Canada and  
24       finding out in reality that you're headed towards Mexico.  
25       And he says, when you realize that, if you merely slow down

1 it's not going to help you a whole lot.

2 Likewise, if President Obama has said that he wants  
3 to have a world free of nuclear weapons and has committed  
4 our country towards that, then NNSA's Preferred Alternative,  
5 the Capability-sized UPF, won't get us where he wants to  
6 lead us. It's going to be merely slowing down while going  
7 in the wrong direction.

8 In response to that Preferred Alternative, I can't  
9 be as eloquent as a lot of people have been about the  
10 technical aspects and some of the other reasons to speak  
11 against that. So what I do is read you a short poem. It's  
12 from somebody else whose not from East Tennessee but close  
13 by, Wendall Berry from Kentucky: a farmer, a patriot, and I  
14 think a prophet. And this is written to his granddaughters  
15 after they visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.  
16 But I think it applies equally to those of us who have  
17 visited Hiroshima, Nagasaki, or the Trinity Test Site, all  
18 of which carry the scars of what has been built here at Oak  
19 Ridge.

20 He writes: "Now you know the worst we humans have  
21 to know about ourself and I am sorry. For I know that you  
22 will be afraid. To those of our bodies given without pity  
23 to be burned, I know there is no answer what loving one  
24 another, even our enemies. This is hard. But remember,  
25 When a person of war becomes a person of peace, she gives a

1 light divine, though it is also human. And when a person of  
2 peace is killed by a person of war, he gives a light. You  
3 do not have to walk in darkness. If you will have the  
4 courage to love, you may walk in light. It will be the  
5 light of those who have suffered for peace. It will be your  
6 light."

7 So, in conclusion, I'm going to say something I  
8 thought I'd never say. I am a supporter of Y-12, but a Y-12  
9 that's dedicated to OREPA's Alternative No. 6 curatorship  
10 and dismantlement. That is what's going to move us towards  
11 the light rather than towards the darkness of a nuclear  
12 holocaust.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Thank you very much.

15 William Wilcox. Pat Nicholson is going to go ahead.

16 MR. NICHOLSON: My name is Pat Nicholson and I'm  
17 from Clinton, Tennessee. (As read)

18 I'm not here to provide you with politically  
19 motivated questions and answers; I'm not here to provide you  
20 with emotionally charged scare tactics. I'm here to discuss  
21 public information that you can obtain on the internet.

22 In terms of warheads, Russia has 4,718 active  
23 warheads, nuclear warheads. The U.S. has 2,623 active  
24 nuclear warheads. Roughly half as many warheads as Russia  
25 has.

1           We -- yes, we, the United States of America need to  
2 maintain a nuclear capability as a strong deterrent that was  
3 so successful during the Cold War and which probably  
4 prevented World War III.

5           I look to the United States of America, the NNSA,  
6 and the Department of Defense to secure my country against  
7 foreign enemies. The only way to accomplish this is through  
8 the continuation of our nuclear weapons program.

9           I strongly support NNSA's commitment to our national  
10 security.

11           Thank you.

12                           (Attached Exhibit 21)

13           Mr. BROWN: Thank you.

14           William Wilcox I think is now ready to speak. And  
15 he will be followed by Kitty Katherine Richards.

16           MR. WILCOX: I assure you I wasn't asleep. I was  
17 the 254th person hired from Y-12 66 years ago and I was here  
18 when what it was back then. (As read)

19           My name is Bill Wilcox and I'm speaking for the Oak  
20 Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association, which is our  
21 city's historical society.

22           We support and endorse the modernization of Y-12 so  
23 that it can continue in a cleaner, safer, and more secure  
24 way to fulfill its historically and nationally vital mission  
25 of maintaining peace through strength.

1           We favor Alternative 4 and urge that it be  
2 implemented in full compliance with the National Historic  
3 Preservation Act.

4           For the past decade our society has been urging DOE  
5 and NNSA to maintain and preserve just three of the World  
6 War II era buildings, each of which meet the National  
7 Register criteria and are needed to tell Y-12's story to  
8 future generations. These buildings are 9204-3, 9731, and  
9 9706-2. Each of them meet the requirements of the National  
10 Historic Preservation Act as historic properties and should  
11 be preserved for future generations.

12           9204-3 with its World War II Beta Calutron Track was  
13 chosen years ago by DOE of all of the facilities all over  
14 the country that ought to be saved as signature facilities  
15 to tell the Manhattan Project story. It ought to be  
16 maintained and preserved outside security area preferably in  
17 a way accessible to the public.

18           9731 is also National Register qualified. It was  
19 vital during World War II as the pilot plant where the very  
20 first alpha and beta calutrons were used to perfect the  
21 process and to train the supervisors to operate the plant.  
22 After the war these were used to separate the isotopes of  
23 many other elements that were widely used in industry and  
24 medicine and, years since then, to benefit people all over  
25 the world. It, too, ought to be saved.



1 a day, or whether you chant Nam-myoho-renge-kyo in your  
2 prayer room, or mediate in nature, or perhaps even simply  
3 play music and create art to appreciate the sacred -- each  
4 of us longs for peace on Earth.

5 Before World War II elementary school educator  
6 Tsunesaburo Makiguchi published his value-creating pedagogy  
7 proposing the ideal of humanitarian competition. He  
8 believed society could move away from the merely economic,  
9 political, and militaristic competition that he saw taking  
10 over his country.

11 Upholding his beliefs, that religious worship should  
12 not be controlled by the government, Makiguchi was arrested  
13 by the Japanese military during World War II and died in  
14 prison. But his dream did not die. Because of one  
15 profoundly committed person and then another, the SGI or  
16 value-creating society for peace, culture, and education  
17 that he founded is now in 192 countries and territories,  
18 promoting interfaith dialogue and empowering millions to  
19 make the impossible possible.

20 And that is exactly the kind of situation we seem to  
21 be faced with today, an impossible one. Nuclear weapons  
22 continue to proliferate around the world, especially here in  
23 America. But just one year ago, because we United States  
24 citizens believed in a better future, we took united action  
25 and finally voted in a president who senses the feelings of

1 the common people. We achieved the seemingly impossible.

2 President Obama speaks of ridding the world of  
3 nuclear weapons, but he will never be able to do it alone.  
4 That's why we're here speaking out tonight. That's why  
5 we'll all keep filling out petitions and continue  
6 demonstrating.

7 I'm certain that you and I will see to it that the  
8 power-hungry war-mongers won't win in the end, because we  
9 know where the real power lies. It lies in the heart of  
10 each of us. Whether you believe in love, in the law of  
11 Karma, in a God of your understanding, or simply in the  
12 potential for the good in people, we of many different  
13 belief systems and philosophies are coming together. Our  
14 numbers are growing. Here in this room a groundswell of  
15 peace is beginning to rise.

16 My mentor, Daisaku Ikeda, 3rd president of the SGI  
17 and founder of Soyka University and numerous international  
18 peace and cultural institutions, who has received hundreds  
19 of honorary professorships and doctorates, has been fighting  
20 for peace using heart-to-heart dialogue and the pen for over  
21 60 years.

22 When interviewed by the United Nations he spoke of  
23 Makigushi's ideal of humanitarian competition. He recently  
24 has outlined a 5-point workable plan to achieve global  
25 nuclear disarmament by 2015. The process will be difficult,

1 but the youth within this 79-year-old organization for peace  
2 are determined to make peace a reality in their lives and  
3 the world.

4 My hope is that every place of worship and  
5 philosophical discussion, every school and university, every  
6 Brownie troop and book club will exhaust every possible  
7 means to open dialogue to encourage each other to work  
8 together in the spirit of humanitarian competition towards  
9 the realization of the dreams we all envision.

10 MR. BROWN: One minute.

11 MS. RICHARDS: Two more sentences.

12 I am certain that once we achieve this seemingly  
13 impossible dream, once the world is no longer living with  
14 the remote but ever-present threat of nuclear annihilation,  
15 our global human family will have the confidence to solve  
16 our other seemingly insurmountable problems.

17 That will be the real beginning of a century of  
18 life, a century of women, a century of hope, and a century  
19 of peace for our children in a world without nuclear  
20 weapons.

21 I support OREPA's Alternative 6.

22 (Attached Exhibit 23)

23 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

24 Lewis Patrie and then Ruth Clark will follow next.

25 MR. PATRIE: (As read) I'm Dr. Lew Patrie, Chair of

1 Western North Carolina Physicians for Social Responsibility.  
2 Our organization is working to prevent extreme environmental  
3 degradation for which there is no cure. Western North  
4 Carolina Physicians for Social Responsibility is a medical  
5 and public health voice working to prevent the greatest  
6 environmental threats to human existence, specifically the  
7 use or spread of nuclear weapons and working to slow and  
8 stop and reverse global warming and the toxic degradation of  
9 the environment.

10 The nuclear weapons danger is real and growing.  
11 Nuclear terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and the thousands  
12 of weapons still on hair-trigger alert in the United States  
13 and Russia put the planet at risk.

14 Furthermore, with the threat of nuclear  
15 proliferation growing as North Korea and Iran advance their  
16 programs, it is more important than ever for the United  
17 States to work to reduce the nuclear danger.

18 Fortunately, there are new opportunities to  
19 significantly reduce these threats, all of which constitute  
20 environmental threats to global sustainability.

21 On April 4th (sic) in Prague President Obama told  
22 the world that our country was prepared to move toward a  
23 world free of nuclear weapons. The President offered  
24 several steps, including ratification of the Comprehensive  
25 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

1           In addition, the President is negotiating with  
2           Russia for new nuclear weapons reductions and the U.S. is  
3           preparing a new Nuclear Posture Review.

4           The United States is at the brink of either: one,  
5           promoting nuclear proliferation by continuing the present  
6           status quo course that we have been pursuing for 60 years;  
7           or second, demonstrating our resolve to seize the  
8           opportunities to renew and strengthen commitments to  
9           treaties to which we have agreed, but with which we have not  
10          been in compliance.

11          MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

12          MR. PATRIE: Okay.

13          Over the next few months our executive and  
14          legislative branches will perhaps have one last opportunity  
15          to negotiate good faith treaty agreements.

16          It would be globally dangerous for the United States  
17          to construct the proposed facility which would produce  
18          secondaries and other nuclear weapons components that  
19          reverses these opportunities and signals to the rest of the  
20          world that we guarantee that our weapons will be capable of  
21          inhumanely killing millions of people, mostly innocent  
22          civilians for the next 100 years, which would be a  
23          monumental and environmental disaster that would affect  
24          human life and human health

25          Thank you.

1 (Attached Exhibit 24)

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you very much.

3 Ruth Clark to be followed by John Hondulas.

4 MS. CLARK: I'm grateful for the opportunity to  
5 register my opposition to building another nuclear bomb  
6 plant.

7 I am opposed to the nuclear weapons currently stored  
8 in countries around the world. I am opposed to the  
9 upgrading of those weapons to make them good for a 100  
10 years. Good for? Are we -- do we think it's good to kill  
11 people?

12 We've tried hard to get other people in other  
13 countries to mimic the United States in many ways. But if  
14 they try to develop nuclear energy, they're in for trouble.  
15 They're seen as a power, a threat to U.S. control of people  
16 and resources anywhere in the world.

17 The current arsenal has the deadly capacity to kill  
18 every living thing on the globe. Can't you understand?  
19 Can't we understand that our current arsenal together with  
20 our past actions fill the whole world with fear and dread,  
21 including many citizens in this country?

22 Don't you see? Can't we see the insanity of such  
23 actions? Is it any wonder, should anyone be surprised, that  
24 other countries seek to develop nuclear power? When Iran  
25 and Korea began developing nuclear power, the U.S.

1 immediately takes them as enemies.

2 MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

3 MS. CLARK: Much of the U.S. effort seems to me  
4 designed to encourage the countries to try to mimic the  
5 U.S., but let none of those countries entertain any idea of  
6 developing nuclear power.

7 I forgot to tell you when this thing blared away,  
8 the microphone, that I'm a United Methodist Deacon.

9 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

10 John Hondulas. Then Charles Lord will follow John.

11 MR. HONDULAS: Good evening. My name is John  
12 Hondulas, I'm an engineer by profession. I live presently  
13 in Knoxville. I have attended for several years, at least  
14 two years, Quaker peace meetings. I'm not a Quaker but I  
15 share their passion for peace.

16 When I arrived here, an hour or so ago, I was given  
17 a document. And in that document was explaining what the  
18 uranium plant upgrading is going to be, what it involves.

19 Alternative 2, 3, 4, and 5 talk about secondaries in  
20 cases, explaining what they mean by secondaries. To my  
21 understanding and how they have explained it here,  
22 secondaries simply means that they've taken an atomic bomb  
23 that's fissionable with a possible destructive range of  
24 maybe two or three or four square miles, converted to a  
25 fusion bomb with the destructive capability of perhaps a

1 thousand times greater.

2 President Obama spoke last year when he was  
3 campaigning for office that he wanted to bring about a  
4 peaceful resolution, an atmosphere of peace in the world;  
5 resolving the Palestinian issue and reduce tension in the  
6 world. And to accomplish that he said one of the essential  
7 hallmarks of his office is going to be to reduce the number  
8 of nuclear weapons.

9 Now, it's disingenuous to tell the world and tell us  
10 they're going to reduce nuclear weapons -- atomic bombs,  
11 those fission bombs by ten percent or even twenty percent.  
12 If you turn around and create in their place fusion bombs  
13 with a thousand times more capability, you've not reduced  
14 the threat of nuclear proliferation or the danger to the  
15 world's mankind by doing this.

16 MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

17 MR. HONDULAS: So I think it's time for President  
18 Obama to make good on his rhetoric.

19 This is not intended to be a criticism of President  
20 Obama. I support him; voted for him; sent some money, not  
21 much; handled the telephones over here on Clinch Avenue in  
22 Knoxville on his behalf. And I was frankly really persuaded  
23 that he is going to do something about peace in the world.

24 We live in a close environment. Our world is one  
25 world. It's a close system. What happens in any part of

1 that one system is going to affect all the other systems in  
2 that world.

3 Now, the gentleman who spoke here --

4 MR. BROWN: Just make one point, please. You're  
5 time is just about up.

6 MR. HONDULAS: My time?

7 MR. BROWN: Yeah. If you want to make just one more  
8 point.

9 MR. HONDULAS: Okay. I'll make one. Thank you,  
10 sir.

11 It's hard to put all this together in one small  
12 statement. But we need to set a standard in the world. And  
13 if we produce these weapons in great destruction, they won't  
14 be used when our leaders are frustrated in their inability  
15 to solve the current crisis diplomatically and militarily.  
16 And if they do use them -- and I have a suspicion they  
17 eventually will be used. Our Secretary Albright remarked to  
18 Colin Powell: What's the point of having an Army if you  
19 don't use it? And they went ahead and used it in Iraq.

20 Thank you for this opportunity. And I hope  
21 sincerely that somebody is listening to what we have to say.  
22 I'm not very optimistic in that regards, but thank you.

23 Mr. BROWN: Thank you.

24 Charles Lord. And Leonard Stark is after Charles  
25 Lord.



1           MR. STARK: I'm Leonard Stark. I'm a retired United  
2 Church of Christ pastor and a member of our current  
3 organization for peace and justice and the Oak Ridge  
4 Environmental Group.

5           This is not the time to build a new Y-12 plant. It  
6 is time the join the world in disposing of all nuclear  
7 weapons. We finally have a president who is seeking to  
8 build a world of peace and goodwill between the people and  
9 the nations of our world. We desperately need to use all of  
10 our resources to meet human needs -- sharing food,  
11 healthcare, love -- with many people who lack the basic  
12 necessities of life which we have in abundance.

13           In two years I will be 90 years old and have worked  
14 for peace all of my life; and I will continue to work for  
15 peace as long as I am physically able to do it.

16           Please do not build a new plant and continue the  
17 armament race. I have visited Hiroshima and seen first  
18 place what these weapons do to people.

19           Thank you.

20           MR. BROWN: Thank you.

21           Judith Hallock. Margaret Haun will follow Judith.

22           MS. HALLOCK: My name is Judith Hallock; I'm from  
23 Asheville, North Carolina, just a rock slide away; a nurse  
24 and one of the founders of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace  
25 Alliance. (As read)

1           Since 1988 I have been speaking out against nuclear  
2 weapons. Some have called me an outsider, but there are no  
3 outsiders when we're talking about weapons of mass  
4 destruction.

5           Nuclear bombs are immoral. The building, testing,  
6 ownership, and use of them violates this precious life that  
7 we have. They represent the ultimate violence and what is  
8 worst about humankind. I have to speak out against them for  
9 the sake of my children's children. If I don't speak, how  
10 will they be answered when they ask me what I did to make a  
11 better world.

12           I believe we have the right to live in a world  
13 without nuclear bombs. Now is not the time to be building  
14 new bombs. We have too much to do to dismantle the ones  
15 that we have.

16           President Obama has declared that the U.S. will show  
17 global leadership in reducing our nuclear stockpile. We  
18 cannot build weapons and reduce them at the same time.

19           Please accept these comments as a conscientious  
20 objection against the new Uranium Processing Facility  
21 proposed for Y-12. What we need is OREPA's Alternative No.  
22 6, a dismantlement facility. Our world and its people  
23 cannot afford another Hiroshima. It is my scared intention  
24 that nuclear weapons production cease now and forever more.

25           Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

1 (Attached Exhibit 26)

2 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

3 Margaret Haun is next. Followed by -- is it Tewes  
4 (pronounced twos)? You can correct my pronunciation.

5 Okay, Margaret.

6 MS. HAUN: I'm Margaret Sylvia Haun and I'm from the  
7 Upper Cumberland. I am a -- I am a universal mystic. I  
8 love the Earth and the universe; and bombs do not go with  
9 it. They destroy.

10 My father was a conscientious objector during the  
11 first world war. He and my mother taught me the difference  
12 between war and peace.

13 Sixty-five years ago my mother came down on the bus  
14 to work at Oak Ridge. They picked up the people way up  
15 there and brought them down every day and took them home.  
16 And she had no idea what we were doing here. No one else  
17 did. Some way or another she found out and no one else  
18 knew; and she quit, she quit her job at Oak Ridge.

19 The destructive capacity of these bombs some of you  
20 have mentioned, you know, what they could do. I don't know  
21 why you don't stick with the bombs we dropped on Japan. Why  
22 don't we just stay with those? Do we want something more  
23 destructive than that, where you have a puddle of people on  
24 the sidewalk? I can't figure this out. Sixty-five years  
25 later, what on earth are we doing.

1           We talk about national security. Bombs do not give  
2           you security, and yet we say that all over the place here.  
3           Security for what? I'm just -- it makes me sick. So I call  
4           it warmongering; that we're warmongering and that will never  
5           give us any security.

6           Thank you.

7           MR. BROWN: Thank you.

8           Mr. W.E. -- I'm saying Tewes, but I may be  
9           corrected. He will be followed by Ryan Lane.

10          MR. TEWES: I am a proud member of Special Engineer  
11          Detachment 9812. I served in this unit during World War II  
12          and Columbia University at the Nash Building and here at  
13          K-25.

14          And I would want to read the words that the  
15          Secretary of War said to our unit:

16          "The United States of America War Department honors  
17          the service forces of the Corps of Engineers Manhattan  
18          District. This is to certify that the Special Engineer  
19          Detachment has participated in work essential to the  
20          production of the atomic bomb thereby contributing to the  
21          successful conclusion of World War II. This certificate is  
22          awarded in appreciation for effective service. The date 6  
23          August 1945." That's the Hiroshima date. And it's signed  
24          by Henry L. Stinson, Secretary of War.

25          And those two bombs, which the SED participated in

1 making, brought World War II to an end. And I would like to  
2 suggest that you realize that we may have killed 60- or  
3 70,000 people with each of those bombs, but we were at war!  
4 And if we saved a single American life, that was  
5 justification for it.

6 MR. BROWN: Thank you. If you would make one more  
7 point. Your time is up.

8 MR. TEWES: Okay. I would like to support the  
9 statement that Bill Wilcox made. We need to get cracking on  
10 making phase two of the other buildings a national memorial.

11 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

12 Ryan Lane is our next speaker, and Lena Feldmann  
13 will be after Ryan.

14 MR. LANE: (As read) My name is Ryan Lane and I'm  
15 here on behalf of my children; respect for all life on  
16 Earth, not just Americans; and nonviolent global revolution.

17 As leaders of the Earth the U.S. leads people by  
18 example. What example are we setting to the world when we  
19 tell everyone else to stop making bombs while we continue to  
20 make them? That might is right; that deception and lies are  
21 right?

22 I was taught that truth and love are right, not  
23 bullying and fear. Life, not death; love, not fear; words,  
24 not weapons.

25 I support OREPA's Alternative No. 6, and whatever it

1 takes to dismantle all nuclear weapons without producing one  
2 more.

3 Thank you.

4 (Attached Exhibit 27)

5 Mr. BROWN: Thanks, Ryan.

6 MR. LANE: Now for my lovely fiance. Come on up  
7 here.

8 MR. BROWN: Lena will be followed by Mira Brown.

9 MS. FELDMANN: My name is Lena Feldmann. I wonder  
10 how others have been able to speak about the production of  
11 nuclear weapons with such calmness in their voices. I don't  
12 really have very much calmness.

13 Thank you Papa Ralph Hutchison for the positivity in  
14 offering the Alternative 6. Let me humanize nuclear weapons  
15 for you with a poem by Nazeem Hickmus (phonetic).

16 "I come standing at your door. I come and stand at  
17 every door, but no one hears my silent tread. I knock and  
18 yet remain unseen, for I am dead. For I am dead. I'm only  
19 7, although I died in Hiroshima long ago. I'm 7 now as I  
20 was then. When children die, they do not grow. My hair was  
21 scorched by swirling flames, my eyes grew dim, my eyes grew  
22 blind. Death came and turned my bones to dust and that was  
23 scattered by the wind. I need no fruit, I need no rice, I  
24 need no sweet, nor even bread. I ask for nothing for myself  
25 for I am dead. For I am dead. All I ask is that for peace

1 you fight today. You fight today so that the children of  
2 this world may live and grow and laugh and play."

3 That was about a little girl who received a U.S.  
4 warhead in 1945. And it's also about Iraqi or Afghani or  
5 Pakistani child who are also victims of U.S. bombs that have  
6 killed them.

7 The proposed facility should focus on dismantlement  
8 and cleanup. The proposed facility should not focus on any  
9 new weapons production. We should not even ethically be  
10 enriching any more uranium. I don't understand that, except  
11 for economic reasons. But not for security.

12 And for you to currently support the current plan, I  
13 ask you to ask yourself one question in your heart of  
14 hearts: What would have to happen in your heart for you to  
15 understand that manufacturing weapons of mass destruction is  
16 detrimental?

17 We can lead the world -- we, the U.S.A. -- can lead  
18 the world in the production of WMDs or we can lead the world  
19 in another direction. But we do lead the world, no matter  
20 what. So let's support Alternative 6.

21 With all due respect to the idea of peace through  
22 strength, we do not have peace. The U.S.A. is at war with  
23 at least three countries right now. And peace through  
24 strength is not really working. Would you say that we have  
25 peace to the enlisted members of our armed services, the

1 ones whose family members have to deal with that, that they  
2 have recently committed suicide or that they have recently  
3 been killed? I would not say that we have peace. Or to the  
4 people of Iraq, Afghanistan, or Pakistan -- that we have  
5 peace through this stockpiling and the warheads we have? I  
6 would say, No.

7 MR. BROWN: Just one more point, please.

8 MS. FELDMANN: Peace through strength is not really  
9 working; is it? Might does not make right; might makes  
10 rubble.

11 (Attached Exhibit 28)

12 Mr. BROWN: Thank you.

13 Mira Brown. And she will be followed by Miranda  
14 Norlin.

15 MS. MIRA BROWN: (As Read) My name is Mira Brown.  
16 I'm 15 years old and I'm a homeschooled student from Western  
17 North Carolina. I am an interested and concerned citizen  
18 and a member of the Western North Carolina Student Peace  
19 Alliance.

20 I've lived in Yancey County North Carolina all of my  
21 life, and I feel strongly that expanding the Y-12 facility  
22 to reprocesses such a large number of warheads is an  
23 impractical proposal.

24 Why not update the Y-12 facility to dismantle  
25 current nuclear weapons? Remember the proposal put forth by

1 the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance known as  
2 Alternative 6?

3 I may not be a direct member of this community, but  
4 I am a citizen of this country. Yes, I am too young to vote  
5 but I'm not too young to express my opinion; and I  
6 appreciate this opportunity to do so.

7 If this proposed rebuilding takes place it will  
8 represent all of us. Once again, I hope that the  
9 Alternative 6 proposal will be embraced by our political  
10 leaders and by the surrounding community.

11 Thank you.

12 (Attached Exhibit 29)

13 MR. BROWN: Thank you. And now Miranda.

14 MS. NORLIN: (As read) My name is Miranda Norlin.  
15 I am 14 years old and I am a preschooler from Western North  
16 Carolina. However, I don't believe that where I live makes  
17 my opinion irrelevant. I am an American.

18 When I was reading about this issue, I thought of  
19 several things that really affected me. First, I thought  
20 how hypocritical our enhancing a plant to make more bombs is  
21 at a time when we are telling countries to cut down on their  
22 nuclear arms and saying that we will do the same.

23 I think that Alternative 6 is the best way to go.  
24 It will cut the number of our nuclear arms; and I and my  
25 friends and children might be able to grow up without the

1 fear of being fried in a nuclear holocaust.

2 I'm here to voice my opinion. I drove three hours  
3 to voice my opinion because it is my way of molding the  
4 Earth that will be handed on to me and my generation. For  
5 although this country is run by adults, I am an adult of  
6 tomorrow.

7 Thank you.

8 (Attached Exhibit 30)

9 MR. BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

10 George Rimel; is it? Is George here?

11 Okay. I have Brandy with just the last initial "M."  
12 You can give the court reporter your last name.

13 MS. MARIE: Marie, M-a-r-i-e.

14 MR. BROWN: And Brandy will be followed by David  
15 Wheeler.

16 MS. MARIE: I jus want to thank everybody that's  
17 showed up and think it's really important. And I think  
18 everyone knows what the main idea is we're talking about.

19 And what I want to say is that -- I just kind of  
20 want to reflect what everyone else has been saying; that if  
21 we can start thinking of the world as a larger organism and  
22 trying to do that in each moment more and more often, that  
23 perhaps we will eventually realize and more and more people  
24 will realize we don't need to be afraid and stock up on  
25 wording to throw because we're afraid that our words in our

1 heart are unable to stop us.

2 We're born -- everyone is born with a voice and  
3 maybe we should learn how to use it more. Maybe we should  
4 learn how high it can go, how low it can go, how far it can  
5 reach, how far our hearts can reach. It can go a lot  
6 further than people really think.

7 When a baby is born it comes into this world crying  
8 and singing and laughing. And then as the baby gets older  
9 and older, we teach it how to use its voice in its body to  
10 express everything it's experiencing, absorbing, or  
11 reflecting. And when we get older, maybe we forget. Maybe  
12 we're taught ways or not taught ways to use these parts of  
13 ourselves. So that requires change.

14 Everything is always changing. You're not the same  
15 person you were when I first started talking and you're not  
16 going to be by the time I'm done.

17 MR. BROWN: You have one minute remaining.

18 MS. MARIE: One minute. Right in this moment.

19 Everyone sing your favorite note, Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh.  
20 You have to listen to everyone around you, though. Maybe  
21 it's not in harmony, but you better listen. It's going to  
22 change. It could change like a symphony, all your voices.  
23 Ahhhhhhhhh(screaming) You can hear what goes really, really  
24 high; but it can also go lower or really, really low and  
25 really, really high to where you can't even hear. And our

1 prayers our dreams and our thoughts.

2 Thank you everybody.

3 MR. BROWN: Your time is up and the court reporter  
4 is going to have a hard time with that. (Laughter)

5 THE COURT REPORTER: I'll just put in scream.

6 MR. BROWN: David Wheeler. And Shelly Wascom is  
7 after David.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Shelly's gone.

9 Mr. WHEELER: My name is David Wheeler. I'm  
10 representing downwind communities and nuclear transportation  
11 corridor communities.

12 I'm here to say it would be a folly to build new  
13 weapons processing facilities and expand the capabilities of  
14 Y-12. It would be destructive to American foreign policy  
15 goals. It would be economic folly to spend so much money on  
16 a project that has no redeeming value in these times. It  
17 would be an environmental catastrophe to be continuing an  
18 ongoing environmental catastrophe. It would threaten the  
19 safety of Oak Ridge and also downwind and transportation and  
20 corridor communities. It also is a severe threat to  
21 sustainability and continuing prosperity of Oak Ridge.

22 I'm here to support an alternative that's consistent  
23 with U.S. foreign policy goals and environmental protection,  
24 health and prosperity in Oak Ridge and other communities.

25 \$3.5 billion could buy an awful lot of good works.

1 It could buy an awful lot of detrimental work as well. And  
2 I support the idea of spending money for accelerated  
3 dismantling of nuclear weapons and nuclear facilities which  
4 would provide badly needed short-term jobs for people in Oak  
5 Ridge. I support spending money for environmental cleanup  
6 in Oak Ridge, which is not a short-term job. It's a  
7 long-term job. There's a lot to do. It could put a lot of  
8 people to work.

9 And I also support the creation of other small and  
10 mid-sized businesses in Oak Ridge that will assure long-term  
11 job security in the community. Oak Ridge right now is a  
12 company town. There are a lot of works that can't see  
13 anything else besides expanding the nuclear facilities  
14 because it's the only job opportunity offered to them now.  
15 If we develop other opportunities that did not depend on  
16 nuclear weapons production, they could be much more secure  
17 in their future and so would everybody else.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. BROWN: Thanks, David. You said Shelly had  
20 left; is that correct?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

22 MR. BROWN: John Kernodle. John will be followed by  
23 Todd Shelton.

24 MR. KERNODLE: I am John Kernodle and I rise to  
25 speak in favor of -- I am a member of OREPA, and I rise to

1 speak in favor of the OREPA alternative.

2 For what it's worth, I've been a Tennessean much  
3 longer than I've been a member of OREPA. All 55 years of my  
4 life I've been a Tennessean. I've been a member of this  
5 community and an East Tennessean for almost 24 years, and a  
6 member of Concord United Methodist Church here in this  
7 community for those same 24 years.

8 But none of those credentials, if you wanted to call  
9 them that, should matter here. My voice should be heard  
10 like the other voices that have spoken here; not as an  
11 outsider or insider, but as a voice of humanity.

12 It's very frustrating to be in a center with the  
13 name New Hope trying to comment on a document that  
14 supposedly discusses all reasonable alternatives when none  
15 of the alternatives that are in the document can give any  
16 hope; any hope of escaping the culture of fear that has  
17 driven the mission of Y-12 and, in fact, a culture that in  
18 fact is driven by Y-12 itself.

19 But it's even more frustrating that we have a  
20 president now who is trying to pursue a foreign policy that  
21 could give some hope and could begin to help our nation  
22 escape from a culture of fear. And yet we're here and  
23 presented with alternatives that not only don't include any  
24 alternative that supports and that's consistent with the  
25 President's foreign policy but, indeed, would undermine it.

1           One must question whether the timing of this, and  
2 particularly the rush to put Alternative 4 in place, is not  
3 designed to indeed undermine that foreign policy.

4           But most of all it's frustrating that none of these  
5 alternatives would align Y-12 with God's future. As a  
6 member of this community, I want to see the community  
7 prosper. And the way we prosper is to align ourselves with  
8 God's future, the future that the Hebrew prophets spoke of,  
9 of peace and justice; the future that the nonviolent Jesus  
10 spoke of, when He spoke of God's reign.

11           And I must say that I am proud to stand in  
12 solidarity with people of other faiths, people of all  
13 faiths, people of no faith at all that work for that future  
14 of peace and justice.

15           If the nonviolent Jesus were here today and were  
16 commenting or trying to comment on these alternatives we've  
17 presented, he might say of the alternatives: Why do you  
18 call me Master, Master, and don't discuss the alternatives  
19 that are aligned with God's reign?

20           MR. BROWN: Thank you.

21           Todd Shelton. And then Polly Murphy will follow  
22 Todd.

23           MR. SHELTON: I'm Todd Shelton and I live in Knox  
24 County and I am also a member of OREPA.

25           And I ask that the NNSA reconsider its

1 recommendation for the new bomb plant known as the uranium  
2 processing plant. It seems based on the Environmental  
3 Impact Statement that there's not near enough mention of the  
4 past 60 years of contamination and pollution that has  
5 occurred due to the processing of uranium and nuclear matter  
6 here; and so, therefore, there's no mention on really how to  
7 keep that from occurring or continuing to occur.

8 There's no mention of the fact that after several  
9 years the new bomb plant will be outdated due to a new  
10 nuclear armament policy, which will happen. So then it will  
11 have to be dismantled and the dangers in that.

12 And then I think, ironically for me, the fact that  
13 we're supposedly here talking about an Environmental Impact  
14 Statement about a facility that makes a device that its only  
15 intention and purpose is to kill hundreds and thousands of  
16 innocent people. So there's your answer, as far as an  
17 environmental impact. You know, it just fails.

18 So I am very much in support of the direction that  
19 Alternative 6, that OREPA has proposed, takes us in and ask  
20 the NNSA to consider that.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

23 Polly Murphy. Jerry Bone will be after Polly.

24 MS. MURPHY: Hi. I'm Polly Murphy and I am coming  
25 tonight as a member of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace

1 Alliance. I am also a neighbor coming from Knoxville and  
2 have been there for the last 40 years.

3 And I am opposed to the Uranium Processing Facility  
4 that they're talking about in Oak Ridge for a lot of  
5 reasons. But in lieu of the hour -- and I'm actually in awe  
6 for the amount of time and people and care that was spent  
7 tonight that I heard again and again and again -- I'm not  
8 going to list them all. But they certainly have been spoken  
9 out well tonight, and I thank everybody for doing it.

10 Just a few little points that sometimes you want to  
11 reemphasize again. And it's just how or why we would build  
12 any more bombs; and the thought that by this facility is up  
13 and running by 2018, the United States will have more  
14 warheads than are allowed by the Strategic Arms Reduction  
15 Treaty. We will have too many already. So why would we  
16 consider doing this?

17 I do support OREPA's Alternative 6 for dismantlement  
18 as well as for jobs in our community. It would be -- it's  
19 the answer; it's the way to go.

20 When I came in tonight at the far end of our list, a  
21 woman, Carol Nickles, spoke and gave a quote by our  
22 President -- and I think we're getting close to the wrap-up  
23 -- and I think it was an important quote.

24 I have taught for nearly 40 years. And the kids I  
25 see -- not just kids, all others -- really watch and listen

1 to those who "walk their talk and talk their talk" as  
2 opposed to those that say, Do as I say, not as I do.

3 So the quote that Carol said that I would like to  
4 close with is that I think is so important is: "It's naive  
5 for us to think that we can grow our nuclear stockpiles and  
6 the Russians continue to grow their nuclear stockpiles and  
7 our allies grow their nuclear stockpiles; and that in that  
8 environment we're going to be able to pressure countries  
9 like Iran and North Korea not to pursue nuclear weapons  
10 themselves."

11 Thank you very much and thank you-all for speaking.

12 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

13 Jerry Bone who will be followed by Tupper Morehead.

14 MR. BONE: My name is Jerry Bone. I'm a resident of  
15 Knoxville, 70 years of age. I am a great-grandfather and a  
16 proud member of both the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace  
17 Alliance and Veterans for Peace. And I guess I should also  
18 mention, in view of the fact that many of my friends have  
19 mentioned their religious affiliation, that I'm a Unitarian  
20 Universalist; and I'm proud to say that the Unitarian  
21 Universalist Association has since 1960 passed approximately  
22 three dozen resolutions calling for disarmament and nuclear  
23 nonproliferation. (As read)

24 I have been opposed to the development, deployment,  
25 and proliferation of nuclear weapons for as long as I can

1 remember.

2           We live in a world of great peril on many fronts.  
3 The future of our children and of all the children in the  
4 world is threatened by climate change, hunger, and grinding  
5 poverty, violently promoted political ideologies wrapped in  
6 the garb of religion, water shortages, poisoned food  
7 sources, pandemics yet to be dreamed of. The list is much  
8 longer than that. Yet at this dismal, perilous time in  
9 history, we people of the world have begun to take  
10 extraordinarily hope-inspiring steps toward stopping the  
11 proliferation of nuclear weapons.

12           This is what this hearing is about. Will we  
13 continue these steps or will we the people be thwarted once  
14 again by the misguided and selfish minority that holds sway  
15 in the halls of power?

16           I was reading a recent issue of The Nation a few  
17 days ago. It featured an interview with former Soviet  
18 President Mikhail Gorbachev. In this interview, Gorbachev  
19 talked about then-president Ronald Reagan and how he thought  
20 of Reagan as a "real dinosaur." Reagan, in turn, referred  
21 to Gorbachev as "a diehard Bolshevik." Yet these two men --  
22 as ideologically opposed as any two leaders in history --  
23 were in agreement when they wrote to the people of the world  
24 in 1985: "Nuclear war is inadmissible, and in it there can  
25 be no victors."

1 MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

2 MR. BONE: Still later, at Reykjavik, they agreed  
3 that nuclear weapons should be abandoned.

4 I urge the adoption of Alternative 6 which reflects  
5 the current policy of the United States under President  
6 Obama. The ground that has been broken at Reykjavik in 1986  
7 must not be cemented over by the outdated often hysterical  
8 rhetoric of the Cold War.

9 In order for non-proliferation to work, there must  
10 be dismantling of nuclear weapons and a plan to reduce those  
11 horrific weapons to zero in a reasonably period of time.  
12 Most nuclear nations will expect it and the non-nuclear  
13 nations will demand it. What's more, all the world's  
14 children deserve to live in a world where these most  
15 horrific weapons of mass destruction can no longer threaten  
16 their lives.

17 I thank you for the opportunity to express my  
18 concerns on this matter.

19 MR. BROWN: Thanks very much.

20 Our next speaker is Tupper Morehead.

21 MR. MOREHEAD: I was watching the CMA awards the  
22 other night and I heard this song: God is great, beer is  
23 good, and people are crazy. I've been thinking about that  
24 song ever since I got here. (Laughter) I was the first one  
25 here.

1           And I did note and I don't know if the rest of you  
2           did. The politicians' representatives that represent all  
3           the congressmen, their representatives made their little --  
4           read their letter and they got up and they left and they  
5           didn't stay to listen to what the people said or the voters  
6           said and the people that they represent. I thought that was  
7           pretty interesting. As well as the Mayor of Oak Ridge left  
8           and didn't stay to listen to what the people here had to  
9           say.

10           (As read) Well, I am Tupper Morehead and I am a  
11           Franciscan. I don't represent any economic development  
12           boards or any political groups; don't reckon -- don't even  
13           represent any social justice organization. I don't have any  
14           stake in this or money or worship in mammon as I think our  
15           politicians do.

16           But I do represent our Creator and all living beings  
17           in creation. I've served people in this county, Anderson  
18           County, and the people in the state of Tennessee as a public  
19           health physician. As a public health officer for this  
20           county and for this state, I've been trained in responding  
21           to environmental disasters in this region.

22           The greatest environmental threat to Oak Ridge, to  
23           the surrounding region and indeed to all creation, is the  
24           presence of nuclear weapons. Our sole imperative for life  
25           and living is to love our Creator and to love our neighbor.



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I, JIMMIE JANE McCONNELL, CLA, CCR(TN), Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the County of Knox, State of Tennessee at Large, do hereby certify:

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