A NEW BOMB PLANT: the Uranium Processing Facility

UPF FACTS

The National Nuclear Security Administration has made it official—it plans to build a new, $6.5 Billion bomb plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

• The proposed Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) will manufacture thermonuclear secondaries from highly enriched uranium, lithium deuteride, beryllium, and other materials.

• The cost projections for the UPF have risen 1000% since it was proposed in 2005, from a low-end estimate of $600 million to $6.5 Billion in 2010.

• The UPF is one leg of a weapons production triad—with the CMRR-NF in Los Alamos (for plutonium pits) and the replacement non-nuclear Kansas City Plant, the UPF will complete a new weapons production complex that expands US capacity to produce nuclear warheads.

• The stated mission of the UPF is to perform life extension upgrades on current warheads, but the entire US stockpile will have already undergone life extension in existing facilities at Y12 by the time the UPF is built (2024).

• Existing facilities at Y12 are being modernized now to meet environmental and safety standards at a fraction of the cost of a new UPF ($120 million)

• More than $250 million dollars has already been spent on designing the UPF, and the design is 45% complete.

• Building the UPF will disrupt or destroy eight wetlands areas—a fact not included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

• If the new UPF is built, Oak Ridge stands to lose 2,400 jobs; the regional impact will be even greater.

• There is no military or security necessity for the UPF. It is driven by short-term political and economic concerns.

• Most important fact: We can stop it.

Now is the Time to Take a Stand for the Future

WE CAN STOP THE UPF

Here's what we can do—must do—to stop the UPF. It is crucial that we do these things before they start pouring concrete.

• **Show up to protest**. **A Safer World Is Our Right** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 16** in Oak Ridge. It will include a march from Bissell Park in Oak Ridge to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex and a peace rally there. You can find details on OREPA's new web site: www.orepa.org. We are calling for everyone to come to Oak Ridge on April 16 when we will write the first page of a new chapter in the story of nuclear abolition.

• **Cut off the money.** While the rest of the nation is tightening its belt, the weaponeers are buying bigger trousers. It's crazy. And it can be stopped if we aggressively work on the budget process in Congress. You can help by: a] write or visit your elected representatives and suggest they pick this low hanging fruit; b] write a letter (and get friends to write) to the editor of your local paper—put the new bomb plant on the map; c] consider a trip to DC for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's DC Days–the easiest, most energizing and fun lobbying experience you'll ever have.

• **Support OREPA** as we educate and organize. We are exploring litigation as a way to send the NNSA back to the drawing board, and the Natural Resources Defense Council is interested in helping. But we need funds to retain counsel and develop the case. This can be an effective way to put the brakes on the project.

• **Help organize.** Write on walls and tweet and tell your friends. Old-fashioned face-to-face and on-the-phone organizing is important, too. Contact OREPA to schedule a presentation. We believe we are in the first stages of a campaign that can put the new bomb plant idea to rest for good, but it will take a compelling display of people power.

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