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**From:** John Batherson  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 3:39 PM  
**To:** 'Sheila Lemons'  
**Cc:** 'Ron Woody'; Rick Schapira  
**Subject:** RE: Roane County letter with attachments

Dear Ms. Lemons, thank you for your e-mail and attachments on behalf of Mr. Woody. These documents will be included in the official record for the public hearing convened on October 2, 2012, concerning the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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**From:** Sheila Lemons [<mailto:sklemons@roanegov.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 03, 2012 3:11 PM  
**To:** John Batherson  
**Cc:** 'Ron Woody'  
**Subject:** Roane County letter with attachments

Mr. Batherson,

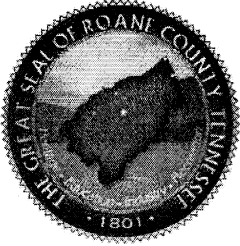
Ron Woody, Roane County Executive, asked me to email you the attachment.

Sheila Lemons

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Dear Board Members:

I am submitting this letter in response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board public hearing scheduled for October 2, 2012 in Knoxville, Tennessee and request it be included in the hearing record. Our office and the Anderson County Mayor have previously written a letter of support for the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) and have further had published in the local newspaper an article about our support. I felt that not only the support of the county government but also the general public's involvement and understanding of the project was important. We received no negative comments on our letter and further, our Roane County Commission spoke positively about our support of the project. A copy of our prior letter is also enclosed to be included in the record.

The Y-12 Complex plays a very critical role in our national security. The missions performed at Y-12 involve much more than maintaining the nation's nuclear stockpile. Work completed in UPF will include dismantlement and disposition, material recycle and recovery, nuclear nonproliferation, producing fuel for naval reactors, and supplying medical isotopes that are used in cancer treatment. The new UPF will also offer a greatly improved health and safety work environment for our citizens working there.

A new UPF also makes economic sense. The current facilities have outlived their expected lifespan and are costly to operate and maintain. For this reason, UPF funding should not be delayed. After UPF construction, Y-12 will continue the nation's uranium processing and national security mission in less space with lower cost. In addition to operating at less cost, other benefits of the UPF project include reliable, long-term uranium processing capability, improved security posture, improved health and safety, and an attractive return on investment for the US taxpayer.

As the County Executive of Roane County, I have a working knowledge of the issues associated with the Oak Ridge Department of Energy reservation and the Y-12 complex. This letter conveys my full support of the construction of the new Uranium Processing Facility at the Y-12 complex. I support the construction of the new UPF not only for the benefit of the workforce from Roane and surrounding counties but also for the critical national security of our country.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Woody  
Roane County Executive

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Dear Editor:

As the top elected officials for Anderson County and Roane County respectively we are very knowledgeable of the issues associated with the Oak Ridge Department of Energy reservation which is in both of our counties. We are aware of the urgent need to build the new Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) at the Y-12 National Security Complex and are fully supportive of this project.

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Opponents of the new Y-12 UPF are simply misleading the public in referring to this facility as a "bomb plant." In fact, our nation has not built a new nuclear weapon in more than 20 years.

The current Y-12 facility for processing uranium is rapidly coming to the end of its productive life. The building is 70 years old and there is a great need for a modern facility with safety features and structural capacity to withstand potential natural and man-made hazards.

A new UPF also makes economic sense. After construction, Y-12 will continue the nation's uranium processing and national security mission in less space with lower cost. In addition to operating at less cost, other benefits of the UPF project include reliable, long-term, consolidated enriched uranium processing capability, improved security posture, improved health and safety, and a highly attractive return on investment for the US taxpayer.

We support the construction of the new UPF not only for the benefit of the workforce from our counties but also for the critical national security of our country.

Best Regards,

Myron Iwanski  
Anderson County Mayor

Ron Woody  
Roane County Executive

## **New Uranium Processing Facility Needed**

By Ron Woody, Roane County Executive

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