



## ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Chairman Peter S. Winokur  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Winokur and Board,

First, allow me to thank you and the Board for hosting a hearing in Knoxville. I appreciate the independence and mission of your board---and your very existence, as well as your work providing oversight, is of strong benefit to our community.

I am attaching a guest column that Roane County Mayor Ron Woody and I co-authored. I believe it summarizes the concerns I have for our aging facilities, and thus my support for the construction of a new Uranium Processing Facility at Y-12.

Again, thank you for your service.

My best regards,

Mrs. Terry Frank  
Anderson County Mayor

Enclosure

than to go to war. How unfortunate it is that our Congress, which Eleanor Clift once called "occupied Israeli territory," is still shackled to AIPAC. Perhaps our congressional representatives will read George Washington's farewell address, wherein he warned against "foreign entanglements," then explain to us just what this "special relationship" with Israel is if not a "foreign entanglement." It is time they support our president's initiative.

strute United Nations Agenda 21 mandates in East Tennessee, which they believe will drastically curtail energy consumption specifically and the American way of life in general. East Knox Countian Sue Specious, head of the local group Patriots Holding to the Original Beliefs of Inherent America (PHOBIA), warned Burchett that solar power was a "gateway energy intended to

to proceed with solar panel installation, the panels' safety standards would be reviewed before any decisions about installation were made, and that concerns about solar flares would be given "all the scrutiny they deserve."  
In response to Burchett, Eli Barrel, founder and sole member of Missionaries of America's Naturally Indisputable Authority (MANIA), a splinter group

I can't remember exactly. But your story is the same thing.  
"You can't even remember what you're talking about, but my story is satire because you say it is? Yeah, like I'll believe you," Barrel rejoined, walking away.  
"That's satire," Burchett muttered. "Completely unbelievable."  
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imums being through the roof. It was designed that way. The young, healthy, infrequent users of health care were always supposed to supplement the older, unhealthier, frequent users of health care — aka baby boomers.  
Obamacare is just the latest example of Washington taking from the young to give to the older, straining personal and government pocketbooks. "Best known of these strains is the predicament faced by Social Security

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# UPF at Y-12 plant needed for local economy and national security

As elected officials, we are extremely honored to serve the people of Roane and Anderson counties, and we are extremely proud of the 70-year history that our East Tennessee communities have had in protecting our national security and advancing science and technology at the U.S. Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration facilities in Oak Ridge.

Because the 33,725 acres of the DOE complex lie entirely in our two counties, we closely follow DOE activities and issues with great interest. More than 45 percent of the 13,000-plus federal and contract employees working in this complex live in Roane or Anderson County. Likewise, a significant number of the 60,000 indirect jobs supported by the complex are in our counties. The total economic impact delivered to our counties and the

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surrounding region is simply irreplaceable.  
Since all the residents of our counties live in close proximity to the DOE complex, we closely monitor the broad range of environmental, safety, health and security issues associated with all its operations.

Currently of particular interest is the new Uranium Processing Facility that's gearing up for construction at the Y-12 National Security Complex — a facility that is sorely needed to replace our nation's original uranium processing facilities that were built during World War II.

Some people may not understand the significance of the work performed by Y-12's 4,700 employees and why a new UPF is needed

for our nation. Y-12 played a significant role in helping our nation win World War II and the Cold War. Today, the men and women at Y-12 work to maintain the security of our great nation.  
Y-12 is responsible for certifying the reliability of the nation's stockpile, and providing the unique manufacturing capability necessary to refurbish and dismantle weapons in the stockpile.

Y-12 and Oak Ridge National Laboratory workers travel around the globe to retrieve nuclear materials that may be at risk of falling into the wrong hands.  
Y-12 also provides fuel to the U.S. Navy for its submarines and aircraft carriers, for commercial power reactors to light homes, and to research reactors in support of the production of medical isotopes that are used to fight many types of cancer.

UPF is necessary to ensure the continued viability

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Aging facilities at Y-12 have been partially addressed with the construction of the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility competed in late 2008. This ultra-secure uranium warehouse is a single state-of-the-art storage facility that will serve Y-12 and our nation another 70 years. The next step involves addressing the aging uranium processing facilities.  
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We strongly support the design and construction of the new Uranium Processing Facility at Y-12. We know it will have a positive impact on the Y-12 workforce from Anderson and Roane counties, as well as the residents of our counties who expect a safe, secure and environmentally compliant plant in their community. Of even more importance is the fact that this new facility is critical to the national security of not only residents of Roane and Anderson counties but for every citizen of the United States.

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