

BACKGROUND

In November 2006, the National Nuclear Security Administration announced Complex 2030— its plan to modernize the US nuclear weapons complex. The law requires them to consider environmental impacts, so “scoping” hearings were held around the country to get public comment on their proposal.

The NNSA received almost 34,000 comments. *More than 33,000 of the comments said US commitments to the Nonproliferation Treaty require disarmament—so the government should be making a plan for reducing the arsenal to zero rather than building more weapons and maintaining its stockpile.*

Now the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is released. The name has been changed from Complex 2030 to Complex Transformation.

BOTTOM LINE

In the Draft SPEIS the National Nuclear Security Administration has written four alternative futures.

ALL FOUR PROPOSALS ENVISION THE CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ENDURING STOCKPILE.

The only questions, from NNSA’s viewpoint, are how many bombs to build and where to build them. Even the “No Action” alternative continues the Stockpile Life Extension Program, upgrading our current arsenal so the warheads are reliable for 100 years.

DETAILS

The NNSA plans call for a “more responsive infrastructure” that is “more secure and efficient.”

This new weapons complex has two main tasks:

- maintain an enduring nuclear arsenal through the Stockpile Stewardship Program
- build new warheads if Congress will give approval and funding. (In the Draft PEIS, the Reliable Replacement Warhead becomes plural).

The chart below spells out their options, proving the old adage: “If the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail.”

The Future according to the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement				
NAME	NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE	DISTRIBUTED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE	CONSOLIDATED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE	CAPABILITY BASED ALTERNATIVE
PROPOSAL	continue building bombs continue Life Extension Program upgrade current facilities new Y12 Plant in OR design, build new bombs	continue building bombs continue Life Extension Program new Y12 Plant in OR new plutonium facility design, build new bombs	continue building bombs continue Life Extension Program new Y12 Plant in OR new plutonium facility design, build new bombs	continue Life Extension Program reduce production capacity (to 25%?) new Y12 Plant in OR? upgrade plutonium facility LANL design, build new bombs
HOW MANY?	<i>classified</i>	125-200/yr	125-200/yr	50-80/yr
WHERE?	LANL LLNL SNL OR Y12 SRS NTS PTX KC	consolidate plutonium at: LANL NTS PTX SRS Y12 HEU at Y12 assembly, high explosive at PTX nonuclear at KC	consolidate nuclear, high explosive at: LANL NTS PTX SRS Y12 <i>or</i> consolidate Pu and HEU at LANL NTS SRS Y12 assembly, high explosive at PTX nonuclear at KC	upgrade all facilities in place as necessary to maintain a “basic capability” to produce bombs assembly, high explosive at PTX nonuclear at KC
KEY: LANL·LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LAB SNL·SANDIA NATIONAL LAB SRS·SAVANNAH RIVER SITE OR Y12·OAK RIDGE Y12 COMPLEX KC·KANSAS CITY PLANT PTX·PANTEK PLANT NTS·NEVADA TEST SITE LLNL·LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LAB				

The February 26 public hearing in Oak Ridge is the last change we will have to comment on these plans. It is our chance to write a different future for our children and all the world’s children. Powerful voices are now calling for the US to take steps toward disarmament; Complex Transformation, with its embrace of an enduring nuclear arsenal and the Stockpile Life Extension Program, takes us in the opposite direction: toward a new global nuclear arms race, unbridled proliferation, and increasing peril for all of us. This is the pivotal moment of the nuclear age.

for more information or to support the work against nuclear weapons:
OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE | orep@earthlink.net
P O BOX 5743 | OAK RIDGE, TN 37831 | www.stopthebombs.org

talking points

Speak from the heart. You don't have to be an expert—when it comes to writing the future, we all have an equal stake.

The United States committed in 1970 to pursue complete nuclear disarmament “at an early date” in the Nonproliferation Treaty. Complex Transformation proposes to build more bombs—as many as 200 a year. It is time to keep our word.

The NNSA proposal to maintain an enduring nuclear stockpile is extremely dangerous and will provoke nuclear proliferation. As long as we build bombs, other nations will build them.

Leading voices—Henry Kissinger, George Shultz, Jonathan Schell, General Lee Butler, Thomas Graham, Arundhati Roy, Mohamed ElBaradei—have called for the US to show leadership in dis-

arming its nuclear stockpile and moving toward abolition. It is time.

The public spoke clearly in the scoping hearings; we continue to insist on an alternative that meets our NPT treaty obligations. *The Stockpile Life Extension Program at Y12 contradicts the US commitment to the Nonproliferation Treaty and should be discontinued immediately.* There is no technical or military need for Stockpile Life Extension.

The United States is spending more than \$40 billion a year maintaining its deployed nuclear stockpile; money that is needed to meet social needs—education, health care, housing and more. The proposed “transformed” weapons complex will cost tens of billions of dollars.

Your dream of a world free of nuclear weapons is possible. Believe.

your turn

Ways to comment on the Draft SPEIS.

Nothing will speak as loudly as your presence at the hearings on February 26. If you live near another DOE site, you can find the hearing dates for your site at:

www.complexttransformationspeis.com

You can also submit comments in writing to:

Theodore Wyka
Complex Transformation SPEIS Document Mgr
U S Department of Energy | 1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585.

or by e-mail to:
complexttransformation@nnsa.doe.gov

The comment period ends April 10, 2008

A pivotal moment for peace

Even while politicians fill the airwaves with great promises, our future is being written. The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration is proposing to build a new nuclear weapons complex with billions and billions of your tax dollars. This plan—called “Complex Transformation” will maintain an enduring nuclear stockpile and build new bombs in Oak Ridge and around the country.

We can write a different future. A world free of nuclear weapons is possible if the United States leads the movement toward disarmament. Henry Kissinger, George Shultz and others believe it is time.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE LIFE EXTENSION COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

11:00am-3:00pm | 6:00pm-10:00pm

NEW HOPE CENTER
Scarboro Road | Oak Ridge, TN
[outside gates of Y12 Plant]

Peace needs every voice. This is your chance to speak.

If we want our children to grow up in a different world, with true security based on international cooperation and mutual respect, we have to speak up *now*.

www.stopthebombs.org