

My name is Mike Thompson, I am Vice President of the ATLC, which represents appx. 2000 employees at the DOE sites in Oak Ridge. On behalf of the 1100 that work at Y12, I'm here today to voice my support for the construction of the Uranium Processing Facility at Y12. Our members are doing hazardous work in facilities that were built over 65 years ago. The UPF will provide a safer more secure environment for us to perform the mission that is so vital to the security of our nation. During it's long history, Y12 has proven to be a safe place to work and has also been a good steward to the environment.

Y12 is a part of this community and an important part of the local economy. Labor and Management have a good relationship and are committed to solve problems together that will make Y12 best in the business.

The ATLC support Y12 and its mission. We believe that construction of the UPF will make Y12 safer, more secure, and more efficient. We have skilled and well trained workforces who are committed to help make Y12 a model facility in the Nuclear Weapons Complex. Construction of the UPF will enable us to move out of these outdated facilities and continue the important work we have been entrusted to perform.

Thank you for your time and I ask this be made part of the official record.