

## John Batherson

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**From:** John Batherson  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2013 8:42 AM  
**To:** 'Anne Garcia Garland'  
**Subject:** RE: statement at DNFSB public hearing, Knoxville, Tn 12/10/13

Ms. Garland,

It was a pleasure meeting you on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I will make sure that both your transmittal e-mail and written statement are considered and entered into the hearing record.

On behalf of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, we wish to thank you for your interest in the public hearing concerning the Y-12 National Security Complex. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

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**From:** Anne Garcia Garland [<mailto:agg@bellsouth.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2013 9:22 PM  
**To:** John Batherson  
**Subject:** statement at DNFSB public hearing, Knoxville, Tn 12/10/13

Dear John,

Thank you so much for your card and letting me know the text could be entered into the record. I support the UPF and trust that more knowledgeable people than I will see to it that these operations are made as safe as humanly possible. It has been a struggle for Oak Ridge to develop an identity and self-sufficiency despite 60 years post-federal management. We have several venues very suitable for a public hearing, not the least of which belongs to Y-12, known as the New Hope Center. We would appreciate being allowed to host the Board. And I would personally be proud to assist any way I can in making that easy.

Sincerely,  
Anne

Anne Garcia Garland  
Council Member, City of Oak Ridge

Statement for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing in Knoxville, Tennessee  
December 10, 2013

I am Anne Garcia Garland, elected council member for the City of Oak Ridge. I want to thank you for your role here today. Given the extreme seriousness of the issues at discussion here, my question may seem trivial. It is, however, precisely because today's issues are vitally important to my community that I need to respectfully invite the DNFSB to choose an Oak Ridge facility as the site for future hearings. The attendance here is even smaller than I expected. The facilities being discussed are wholly within the boundaries of the city of Oak Ridge.

The people of Oak Ridge continue to be proud to host these facilities critical to the well-being of the nation and the world. We have experienced strong confidence in the leadership of John Eschenberg. Some of us do feel that the city's well-being and image are being, well, not *disregarded* but, *under-*regarded by those who oversee one of Oak Ridge's largest local industries. We would feel better regarded if the Board would hold these hearings in Oak Ridge. If we in Oak Ridge are somehow responsible for your not meeting there, we would be grateful to hear what our deficiencies are so that we can address them.

That being said, we do want to thank the Board for its diligence and openness.