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Dear DNFSB Members,


The Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG) represents local governments within more than 200 Tennessee Valley River Region Counties. We not only monitor issues associated with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) but are especially concerned with issues in the valley that impact the delicate balance of energy, economic development, and the environment.

ATVG stays informed on issues related to the important federal assets in the valley. These unique federal assets include Fort Campbell Kentucky, the NASA and Defense Complex in Huntsville, the Department of Energy (DOE) Complex in Oak Ridge, and the TVA power generation facilities. A common trait of these valley wide assets is the fact that as their infrastructures age they start lacking newer technologies that can increase operational effectiveness. The Y-12 National Security Complex with several facilities more than 60 years old is such a case. The new Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) will replace several aging processing facilities that are becoming structurally weak and in need of improvements in environmental and safety areas.

A new UPF combined with the recently constructed highly enriched uranium storage facility will significantly modernize this important federal asset. It will result in a national security complex that can operate another 70 years with a greatly improved health and safety work environment. This action is important to the local governments of the Tennessee Valley River Region.

ATVG appreciates this opportunity to provide comments to the DNFSB on the UPF project. Thank for the important role you play in ensuring the safety of these facilities.

Best Regards,

  
Judge Executive N.E. Reed

Edmonson County Kentucky  
ATVG Board President