

My name is Glenn Carroll. I am coordinator of Nuclear Watch South, an all-volunteer statewide environmental organization based in Georgia.

I have participated in every Environmental Impact Statement about producing nuclear weapons since the United States' only plutonium pit factory was permanently shut down following the 1989 FBI raid on Rocky Flats for environmental crimes.

The fallout from revelations about Rocky Flats was far-reaching. It prompted the shutdown of all five plutonium and tritium production reactors at Savannah River Plant and exposed the extent of environmental contamination and vast inventory of lethal radioactive wastes still needing to be addressed.

Thank God and the Nixon administration for NEPA — the National Environmental Policy Act — for providing this legal forum for citizen review and input on major project proposals. NEPA mandates a transparent Environmental Impact Statement process to create a comprehensive document required to analyze ALL foreseeable impacts of a proposed project.

Now, thanks to NEPA, We The People are being consulted about nuclear weapons manufacturing, in stark contrast to the U.S. Congress which allocated \$2 billion to the Manhattan Project employing 600,000 people without any knowledge whatsoever that they were funding development of atomic bombs.

Our draft PEIS appears to have been contrived to support the conclusion that it's A-OK to manufacture plutonium pits stating repeatedly its reliance on a Congressional mandate. But NNSA's approach misses both the spirit and the letter of NEPA. Congress, as The People's elected leadership, must have top-quality analysis to comprehend the true consequences of resuming plutonium pit production. For example, in response to an EIS for a Modern Pit Facility at SRS in 2004, Congress defunded the project.

Significantly, the draft Plutonium Pit Production Facility PEIS lacks analysis of the environmental impacts of using the product that it says can be produced with acceptably low environmental impact.

But we all KNOW that plutonium-triggered nuclear bombs have appalling environmental impact BY DESIGN!

Nuclear weapons literally threaten the existence of our home planet, the only planet that we know for certain even HAS life, and which contains every single thing that we know, and every single thing that we don't know.

Therefore, the PEIS MUST analyze using nuclear weapons that contain the plutonium pits that would be produced.

The PEIS must also include a No Action Alternative to quit the pursuit of plutonium pits and dedicate sufficient resources to the missions of cleanup and environmental restoration.

Thank you for hearing me.