



The Plant:

The new plant will help make WMDs.

The new facility is at 14500 Botts Road, on Highway 150, on a strip of Kansas City that juts out just south of Grandview. It will manufacture and procure about 85% of the components for nuclear weapons – non-nuclear components that transform nuclear explosives into deliverable weapons of mass destruction. These include radars, guidance systems, tracking systems, and arming, firing, and fusing sets.

If funding is cut for other sites in the nuclear weapons complex, that will affect work in Kansas City, calling into question the sustainability of the jobs.

This plant is to replace the old one at the Bannister Federal Complex. The old one has had continuous scandals involving chemical contamination that has left workers sick and caused their early death. Environmental contamination may help account for developers’ reluctance to go to this vicinity.

Never Before!

It’s unprecedented for municipal bonds rather than U.S. Treasury bonds to be financing what is so clearly a federal facility.

A previous attempt to put a measure on the ballot for voters to have a say in what this new plant makes was knocked down by the City Council and Circuit Court on the grounds that this is a federal facility - keeping city voters from having any say. Yet city voters clearly do have a say over what debts we’re willing to be put on the hook for as city taxpayers.

It’s unprecedented for a local agency to own the facility for nuclear weapons production.

The Planned Industrial Expansion Authority of Kansas City holds the title to the new plant, as approved by the City Council. This is an agency whose board is appointed entirely by the mayor. They’ll lease it to the developer, which will lease it to one federal agency, which will lease it to another.

Never Again!

Cities aren’t supposed to legislate elaborate financial plans for producing nuclear weapons parts.

This bypasses proper channels of U.S. Congressional appropriations. The city is doing more than participating in building weapons of mass destruction – it’s enabling a set-up that might not happen with more full federal attention and accountability.

We Must Prepare.

Nuclear weapons are an unstable business.

The US Council of Mayors voted unanimously in June 2011 to support a UN plan for eliminating nuclear weapons by 2020. This is one of several efforts at a time when the old reasoning for these weapons just doesn’t fit the current situation.

Nuclear weapons are Cold War relics. The Cold War ended over 20 years ago. Why should we have any confidence they’ll keep being made, to the point that we’re in economic trouble if they aren’t?

Making other products would create more jobs than making nuclear weapons parts will.

Prominent economist Lloyd Jeff Dumas has calculated job projections for Kansas City specifically. If the plant had 2,500 direct jobs, and we add the number of indirect jobs generated, totals for different products are:

Nuclear weapons	5,250
Solar energy	7,750
Wind energy	8,750
Health Info Technology	9,175
Broadband Info Technology	9,000

So the good news is – if we get a chance to convert the plant to something along these lines, for the same resources we get more jobs!

The Two Initiatives

Summary, Petition 1: Removal of City financial involvement in production of nuclear weapons components

(for full text with legal language, see www.peaceworkskc.org/kcplant)

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2. Kansas City will divest itself of the municipal bonds for nuclear weapons parts, to the extent allowed by law.
3. No local agency will own the plant.
4. If the court knocks down any provision, that provision can be cut off and the rest remain.

Summary, Petition 2: Safeguarding jobs with contingency plans for nuclear weapons facilities

1. The City will make detailed contingency plans for converting nuclear weapons plants in case they're no longer utilized for that purpose.
2. Renewable energy production is an option to be considered.
3. The plans will be updated annually.
4. The plans will be available for public comment.

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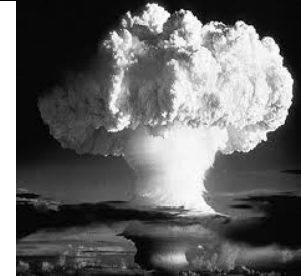
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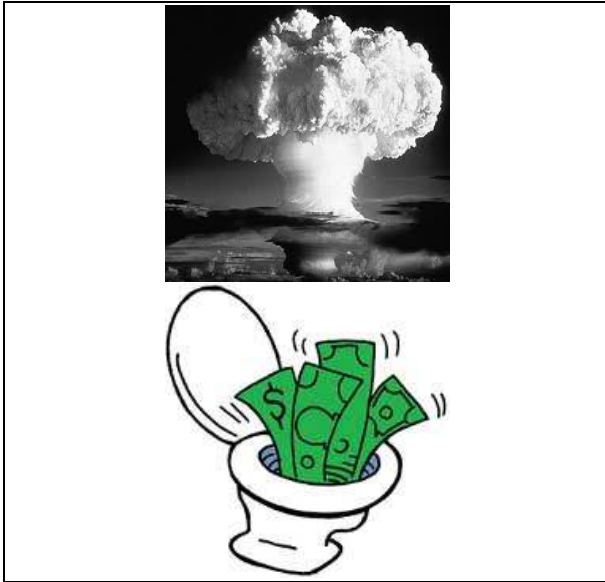
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