

# THIS WEEK: CAST YOUR “VOTE” FOR THE ABOLITION NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

As North Korea’s recent nuclear test demonstrated, nuclear weapons continue to pose a real and growing danger. But there may be a silver lining to North Korea’s mushroom cloud, because it has exposed the *staggering* level of U.S. nuclear hypocrisy. Just ten days after the North Korean test, the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy announced its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the *modernization* of the U.S. nuclear weapons manufacturing complex, under a plan called “Complex 2030.”

The only *good* thing about “Complex 2030,” the U.S. plan to modernize its nuclear weapons complex and replace its entire nuclear arsenal with new “Reliable Replacement Warheads” by the year 2030, is that it’s *visible*. The proposed project, which could cost more than \$150 *billion* over 25 years, is tantamount to a U.S. declaration of “nukes forever,” and a repudiation of its obligation under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to end the arms race “at an early date” and to negotiate “in good faith” the *elimination* of its nuclear arsenal.

Complex 2030 has not gone unnoticed by North Korea, which issued an official response: “This is clear proof that [the United States] is putting spurs to the moves to bolster its modern nuclear force, increasingly depending on nukes in realizing its strategy for world domination.”

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the initial phase of the EIS process provides for public input into the “scope” of the environmental review, which must, by law, analyze “reasonable alternatives.” Scoping meetings on Complex 2030 were recently held in a dozen locations around the United States, in communities near nuclear weapons facilities and in Washington, DC. The “public comment” period will remain open until January 17, 2007.

Indefinite maintenance of a huge, sophisticated nuclear arsenal, by the only country that has so far used nuclear weapons, is an *unreasonable*, unacceptable, and unlawful alternative. The *only* reasonable alternative is nuclear abolition. *The United States, in compliance with its obligation under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, should commit to the elimination of nuclear weapons no later than 2030, by initiating negotiations leading to conclusion of a verifiable treaty, under strict and effective international control.*

***Help turn the Complex 2030 EIS process into a national referendum on the future of nuclear weapons!*** Cast your “vote” for the elimination of nuclear weapons by printing out, filling in and mailing copies of the attached “ballot” to the Department of Energy, your two Senators and your Representative. *The official “public comment period” ends January 17, 2007.*

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