



# Tri-Valley CAREs

Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

*Stopping nuclear weapons  
 where they start—  
 at Livermore Lab.*



[www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org)

## WHO WE ARE

Since 1983, Tri-Valley CAREs has strengthened global security by preventing the further development of nuclear weapons and working tirelessly for their elimination. The group was founded by concerned neighbors living around the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations where all U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental cleanup throughout the U.S. weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding Bay Area and Central Valley communities. Our vision for a “green lab” in Livermore provides tangible steps to move the world from reliance on nuclear weapons toward a more sustainable and just future.

*“Tri-Valley CAREs members... ensure that community needs are met.”*

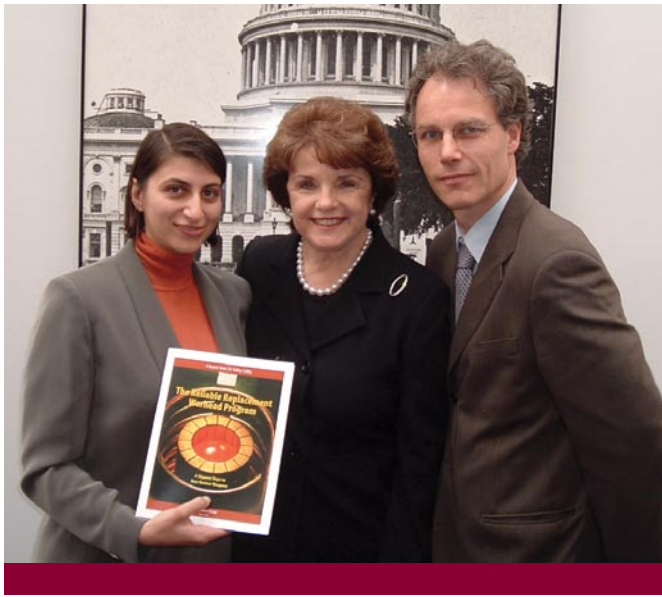
—Kathy Setian, EPA Region 9 Superfund Project Manager

## OUR MISSION

Tri-Valley CAREs’ overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment by pursuing the following five interrelated goals:

1. Convert Livermore Lab from nuclear weapons development and testing to socially beneficial, environmentally sound research.
2. End all nuclear weapons development and testing in the United States.
3. Abolish nuclear weapons worldwide, and achieve an equitable, successful non-proliferation regime.
4. Promote forthright communication and democratic decision-making in public policy on nuclear weapons and related environmental issues, locally, nationally, and globally.
5. Clean up the radioactive and toxic pollution emanating from the Livermore Lab and reduce the Lab’s environmental and health hazards.





Your Advocates in DC: Tri-Valley CAREs members discuss our latest report on nuclear weapons with Senator Dianne Feinstein.

## PEACE

Because we believe nuclear weapons decrease human security and pose one of the great social, economic and ecological challenges of our time, Tri-Valley CAREs is working to abolish them. The U.S. spends about one-and-a-half times more (in inflation adjusted dollars) on nuclear weapons than it did during the Cold War, money that could be better spent to provide basic health care, education, clean water and food for human beings everywhere. We also believe that the global security gained through cooperation is far stronger and more sustainable than that bought through fear.

### Some of Tri-Valley CAREs' Projects for Peace

- Producing reports for Congress and the United Nations on the dangers and costs of U.S. nuclear weapons programs
- Educating people about nuclear weapons and their effects on communities, the environment and global security
- Mobilizing public opposition to nuclear weapons and war and bringing the public into contact with decision makers at every level

## JUSTICE

Tri-Valley CAREs works to bring justice to those directly affected by the nuclear industry, specifically those who live and work in areas affected by the toxic and radioactive nuclear fuel cycle, such as Livermore. There are currently more than 2,000 pending claims for compensation filed by workers at Livermore Lab who are sick or dying from on-the-job exposures. For many of these workers and their families, help comes too late or not at all.

### Some of Tri-Valley CAREs' Projects for Justice

- Using the Freedom of Information Act to expose dangers to workers and the community
- Working to strengthen and expedite compensation for sick workers of Livermore Lab
- Facilitating a support group for workers made ill by on the job exposures

## ENVIRONMENT

For 25 years Tri-Valley CAREs has been a leading grassroots voice for the environment, winning cleanup of some of the most polluted areas on earth, including at Livermore Lab. Tri-Valley CAREs believes that access to clean water, land and air is a human right.

### Some of Tri-Valley CAREs' Projects for a Clean Environment

- Producing reports, technical comments and other materials to ensure the environment is protected and restored in the ongoing cleanup at Livermore Lab
- Ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations
- Educating community members about their rights
- Enhancing public participation in decision-making

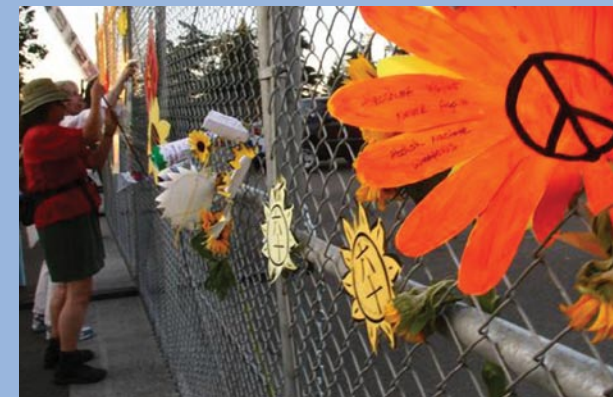
*“Tri-Valley CAREs offers the biggest (non-nuclear) bang for the buck.”*

— Janis Kate Turner, Livermore resident and Board Treasurer

## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS PAST AND PRESENT

Here are four examples of the many successes of Tri-Valley CAREs.

1. We stopped Livermore Lab from building a massive toxic and radioactive waste incinerator. Further, we led the successful campaign to shut down the Lab's existing incinerator.
2. We won improvements in Livermore Lab's program to clean up soil and groundwater contaminated by nuclear weapons research. Recently, we stopped a plan to send 80 million gallons of contaminated groundwater from the Lab into the San Francisco Bay, untreated.
3. We were the first group in the western U.S. to win an EPA grant to monitor the Superfund cleanup at Livermore Lab. Then, we became the first community-based group in the country to win a recognition award from EPA for the effectiveness of our work.
4. We played a key role in convincing Congress to stop the funding for two new nuclear bombs that were under development at Livermore Lab, the so-called “Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator” bomb and the “Reliable Replacement Warhead” Program.



*“I love these folks.”*

— Bonnie Raitt



## JOIN US!

**Take Action:** Visit our website and find out how you can work for peace, justice and a healthy environment. There are petitions to sign, letters to write and events. [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org)

**Get Involved:** Tri-Valley CAREs holds monthly meetings. We meet at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Livermore main library.

**Volunteer or Intern:** Support Tri-Valley CAREs by volunteering. Visit our website for details. We have mailing parties, tabling opportunities and a variety of internships.

**Donate:** We cannot do the work we do without people like you. Individual donations are an important part of our budget. Give a generous gift today. Your donation will create a more peaceful and healthy world!

**Join:** Tri-Valley CAREs has a free newsletter. Contact us to receive a copy.