

# Resurgent Nuclear Dangers in the Trump Administration: New Warheads, Novel Mini-Nukes & Nuclear Testing

**Key technical and policy issues -  
and how the public can influence decisions**

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# Two Risky Trajectories Leading Toward Nuclear Testing: #1 is Policy

## #1: A Change in US Nuclear Policy and Posture

Proponents of nuclear testing with new access and influence in the White House include: the Pentagon's defense science board, conservative think tanks and some Dept. of Energy weapons lab managers.

Look for a shift in the nuclear posture review, money in the President's next budget for test readiness or test site evaluation, and other near-term changes.

#1 - Immediate Danger Ahead!



**DANGER!**  
**Unstable**  
**Cliff!**

# **TALKING POINT for # 1**

## **Potential Changes in Policy and Posture**

**ASK the White House Office of Management and Budget to forego any request for funds to increase nuclear test readiness in the next budget request.**

**ASK Congress to cut any such request.**

**SIGN and circulate the petition that is part of this webinar and its follow up activities.**

# Two Risky Trajectories Leading Toward Nuclear Testing: #2 is New Nukes

## #2: Design and Development of New Nuclear Weapons

The nuclear weapons labs are introducing increasingly exotic elective changes into the stockpile through “life extension programs.” Unchecked, this is a slippery slope back to nuclear explosive testing.

Look for near-term money and longer-term risks with the current development of a new Long-Range Stand Off warhead, the pending, new Interoperable Warheads and novel mini-nuke designs.

Slippery Slope Ahead!



## **TALKING POINT for #2**

### **New Nuclear Weapons**

**ASK Congress – Cut funds in the current budget request for the Long Range Stand Off warhead (called the W80-4) and for the Pentagon’s new cruise missile that would “deliver” it on unsuspecting populations.**

**ASK the White House Office of Management and Budget to forego any request for funds for an Interoperable Warhead-1 in the next budget request.**

**INFORM your activism – and alert your colleagues and friends in order to make these rising nuclear dangers visible, thereby increasing public opposition to them.**

# Public Action is Necessary to Prevent a US Return to Nuclear Weapons Test Explosions

## Recommendations

- Sign and circulate the petition.
- Contact elected representatives to express your concerns and to advocate for funding cuts to stop provocative new nuclear weapons programs.
- Give the rising nuclear dangers in the era of Trump a public face. Speak out, share information, carry signs, write Letters to the Editor. The only “wrong” thing to do right now is to do nothing!
- The times call us to “keep our eyes on the prize” of peace, justice and a sustainable, nuclear-free future even as we act to counter specific threats.



**To:**

**White House Budget Office Director, Mick Mulvaney, and**

**The Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of the US Congress**

**Petition text:**

**Whereas**, the United States detonated 1,032 nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, under the ocean, and underground between 1945 and 1992 that devastated communities;

**Whereas**, the United States has not conducted a full-scale underground nuclear test in 25 years (since September 23, 1992);

**Whereas**, a nuclear explosive test or funding for "readiness" to conduct such a test will send the wrong signal to the world and undermine our collective security;

**Whereas**, US design and development programs for new nuclear weapons, including interoperable warheads and mini-nukes, may prove a "slippery slope" to nuclear tests;

**Whereas**, the United States plans to spend more than \$1 Trillion dollars on new nuclear weapons as well as production facilities and the systems to deliver them over the next 30 years;

**We call on the Budget Office to forego requesting funds for nuclear testing, test readiness or new weapons that could lead to nuclear testing. We call on Congress to cut funds for these programs.**

Sign the petition electronically via Tri-Valley CAREs' e-newsletter, on our website at [www.trivalleycares](http://www.trivalleycares) or on our Facebook page.

The petition is also available electronically from Women's Action for New Directions and on the archive site for this webinar.

WAND will send each participant a link to access the webinar and petition on-line.



# ACCOUNTABILITY AUDIT

Reducing risks and saving billions  
across the US nuclear weapons complex

