

Tri-Valley CAREs



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Here is more information about our organization and our plans for 2017. Your generous partnership is crucial to our success. **THANK YOU!**

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit group challenging nuclear weapons and pollution at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and the Sandia National Lab/California. We address the contamination of our air, soil and water from Lab programs, and we act to change the national and international nuclear weapons and environmental policies that underpin our local situation.

Among our key activities, we:

- 1) Empower community voices to influence decision-making on the cleanup of toxic and radioactive contamination in our communities;
- 2) Protect and expand community right-to-know laws, including with our current litigation under the Freedom of Information Act;
- 3) Facilitate a support group for nuclear workers made ill by on-the-job exposures;
- 4) Prevent new nuclear weapons from being created at Livermore Lab and Sandia; and
- 5) Press for conversion of these weapons labs from bomb design to civilian science.

Tri-Valley CAREs was founded in 1983 and has grown to 5,700 members with a voice that is principled, balanced and powerful. We have decades of experience in effective community organizing, analysis, strategy development, litigation and more.

We have received regional and national awards for the effectiveness of our community involvement work from EPA Headquarters and the Alameda Co. Public Health Dept, among others.

We been successful in obtaining improvements in the Livermore Lab Main Site and Site 300 Superfund cleanups. We have stopped a toxic and radioactive waste incinerator from being built. We have prevented the development of a nuclear bunker-busting bomb and other horrifying and proliferation-provocative new nukes. We stopped a scheme to use lasers to create bomb-grade plutonium near an earthquake fault. And, more!

Our 2017 Program Priorities:

- Clean up and prevent pollution at the Livermore Lab Main Site & Site 300. This addresses leaking and uncontrolled toxic and radioactive wastes and their impacts on workers, the public and the environment.
- Stop new bombs and bomb plants. This is about cutting the federal nuclear weapons budget and influencing nuclear policy to stop the development of new and modified warheads and the new bomb plants that would be used to build them.
- Promote global nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation & the “rule of law.” This is about action to support the irreversible elimination of nuclear weapons and includes TVC’s assistance with the litigation brought by the Republic of the Marshall Islands against the US for its failure to disarm under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (currently before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals).

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- Obtain justice for sick workers with a focus on Livermore Lab and Sandia/CA Lab. This addresses justice for workers made ill by on the job exposures to toxic and radioactive materials and provides assistance in applying for federal compensation.
- Curtail the National Ignition Facility's role in nuclear weapons development. This is about stopping the use of plutonium in NIF at LLNL, cutting its budget and redirecting it from nuclear bombs to unclassified science experiments.

Conclusion:

Tri-Valley CAREs is redoubling its efforts in the coming year. Always “lean and mean” with very little overhead, our move to a smaller office at the end of this year is part of our strategy to ensure our effective program work can grow in the coming months and years. In 2017, we will intensify our focus on stopping a new nuclear-tipped cruise missile, called the Long Range Stand Off weapon. The warhead is slated to be developed at Livermore Lab and the work to “marry” it to the missile is being done at Sandia.

We will create change that is local, national and global. **Please know that your tax deductible contribution to Tri-Valley CAREs will be put to immediate good use!**

In peace,

Marylia Kelley and Scott Yundt