

# UC MANAGES ARMAGEDDON

**Every single nuclear weapon in the US arsenal was designed by a UC employee at Lawrence Livermore or Los Alamos National Laboratory. Both are managed by the University of California regents.**



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- Since the founding of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in 1952, the University of California has managed LLNL under a contract with the Department of Energy (DOE). This contract has never been put up for competitive bid and is negotiated behind closed doors.
- UC manages the 3.4 billion dollar annual budget for the labs on a “non-profit” basis, thereby making UC exempt from paying fines for any nuclear safety violations.
- In 2000, one of the 10 worst radiological exposures in the last 40 years occurred at UC’s Los Alamos National Lab (LANL), in New Mexico. DOE found the University of California had inadequate work controls resulting in 8 workers being exposed to airborne plutonium. Because of UC’s non-profit status the \$605,000 violation assessed by the DOE cannot be collected.
- Currently, lab employees are designing the next generation of nuclear weapons under the “Stockpile Stewardship” program at Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos Labs. This includes projects such as the National Ignition Facility, which threatens international peace treaties and may lead to a renewed arms race.

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