

## **MAIL THIS TO:**

Administrator Tom D'Agostino  
U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585

### **Dear Mr. D'Agostino:**

I am writing you about the Superfund cleanup of toxic and radioactive contaminants at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory main site in Livermore, CA.

First, let me say that an effective and complete cleanup of pollutants in the soil and groundwater at the Livermore Lab is a matter of urgent importance to the surrounding community — and to everyone who cares about the environment.

**The budget for the Livermore Lab main site Superfund cleanup was cut in half this year,** from the \$12 million needed to continue basic cleanup activities to \$6 million.

Some of the team that had been working on the Superfund cleanup has been laid off. Thirteen soil and groundwater treatment facilities have already been shut down – and will remain shut down until the funding situation is remedied. Contamination at the Lab's "source" areas, where it is highly concentrated, is being left untreated, and dangerous pollutants are migrating through the environment. ***This is a tragedy of mistaken priorities.***

**I am writing you** because the solution is for your agency to swiftly send a "reprogramming" request to Congress asking that the \$6 million be restored. Congress cannot act to "reprogram" funds to the Livermore Lab main site cleanup without a request from DOE.

**It is incumbent on you to act.** Your office has known of this dire situation, which threatens the long-term effectiveness of the Livermore Lab main site cleanup, for more than 3 months – and yet no action has been taken. I am calling on you to make sure that the "reprogramming" request for \$6 million is sent to Congress today.

**Mr. D'Agostino, here is a list of soil and groundwater treatment facilities that are now shut down because of the budget cut.** "TF" means treatment facility. The other letters and numbers refer to soil and groundwater and the areas within the Lab where the facility is located. These facilities are already closed and will remain closed until the "reprogramming" request goes from DOE Headquarters to Congress and is approved. As you look at this list, please visualize hazardous contaminants seeping through the ground and traveling through the groundwater. Then, please act swiftly to stop them. **(1) VTFD-ETCS, (2) TFD-HPD, (3) VTFD-HPD, (4) VTFD-HS, (5) TF5475-3, (6) VTF5475, (7) TF5475-1, (8) TF518-N, (9) VTF518-PZ, (10) TF5475-2, (11) TFC-E, (12) TF518-PZ, (13) VTFE-ELM.**

I ask that you keep me informed of your office's progress in sending the "reprogramming" request for \$6 million for the Livermore Lab main site cleanup to Congress, and of any action that results.

**Sincerely,**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

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