Public opposition to the National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA) proposal to detonate open-air bomb tests at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Site 300 is showing results!

It is possible, but not assured, that the NNSA may not be granted a permit. The Air District has directed the NNSA to provide additional information on the environmental impacts of the blasts. The Air District has further asked NNSA to provide “further review and reconsideration” of the project. NNSA has not responded.

**NOW is the time to send two letters.** One letter goes to NNSA asking the agency to withdraw the permit application altogether and one goes to the Air District requesting that it deny any permit if NNSA does not withdraw its application.

**BOTH sign & send letters are below.** To send each one via email, select and copy the text and then click the unique email link at the top of each letter. Don’t forget to add your name and contact info at the bottom before hitting “send.” If you prefer postal mail, print out each PDF and hand sign them.

**THANK YOU for helping to stop open-air bomb blasts** that would contain hazardous materials and impact worker and community health. Keep reading for details.
To: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Livermore Field Office (LFO)

Email: LFOPublicAffairs@nnsa.doe.gov

Postal mail: NNSA LFO, PO Box 808, Livermore, CA 94551-0808 (Attn: Leslie Velarde)

Dear NNSA Livermore Field Office:

I write today to oppose the NNSA Livermore Field Office proposal to conduct large, outdoor bomb tests at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Site 300, located near Tracy, CA.

The permit application your agency submitted to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District would enable a daily increase in the size and yield of high explosives from 100 pounds to 1,000 pounds (10x). Further, it includes an annual increase from 1,000 pounds to 7,500 pounds (7.5x).

According to your agency’s own review, these outdoor tests would include upwards of 120 hazardous constituents, including beryllium, vinyl chloride, phosgene, hydrogen cyanide, dioxin and others. These pollutants are known to damage organs, cause cancer and other diseases, and may lead to premature death.

I understand that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has directed your agency to provide additional environmental impact data before making any permit decision. The Air District has requested that NNSA Livermore Field Office provide “further review and reconsideration” of the project.

Simply stated, these huge outdoor bomb blasts would put workers and the public at risk. I ask that you withdraw the proposal in its entirety.

Please keep me informed of your decision.

Sincerely,
To: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD, or Air District)

Email: Nick.Peirce@valleyair.org

Postal mail: Arnaud Marjollet, Director of Permits and Nick Peirce, Manager, SJVAPCD, 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

Dear Air District:

I write today to oppose the proposal by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Livermore Field Office (LFO) to conduct large, outdoor bomb tests at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s Site 300, located near Tracy, CA.

The permit application submitted to your office would enable a daily increase in the size and yield of high explosives from 100 pounds to 1,000 pounds (10x). Further, it includes an annual increase from 1,000 pounds to 7,500 pounds (7.5x).

According to the permit application, these outdoor tests would include upwards of 120 hazardous constituents, including beryllium, vinyl chloride, phosphine, hydrogen cyanide, dioxin and others. These pollutants are known to damage organs, cause cancer and other diseases, and may lead to premature death.
I applaud the Air District for directing NNSA to provide additional environmental impact data before your office makes any permit decision. I understand you have requested that NNSA provide “further review and reconsideration” of the project.

I have asked NNSA to cancel the project. If, however, NNSA returns to the Air District and presses for issuance of a permit for this project in whole or in part, I ask you to deny that request.

Please keep me informed of any action by the Air District.

Sincerely,

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL: