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September 16, 2023 Strategic Planning Retreat

LOOKING BACK; PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK TO MOVE FORWARD
A SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF OUR PROGRAMS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

- *Goals and program priorities from our September 17, 2022 Virtual Strategic Planning Retreat*
- *Victories enjoyed and objectives yet to be achieved*

Introduction:

We held our third virtual Strategic Planning retreat in September 2022. This year we celebrate having the opportunity to conduct a “hybrid” session with some folks together in the Tri-Valley CAREs’ office, and others scattered around the globe, participating from home via Zoom. And for the first time in the group’s history, we will be meeting without our longtime Executive Director, Marylia Kelley, who now serves as our Senior Advisor. Based on some sage advice, she believed it best to sit out this year to give participants the opportunity to work directly with our new Executive Director, and longtime Staff Attorney, Scott Yundt.

Which brings us to our first major accomplishment in the past twelve months, Tri-Valley CAREs board conducted and concluded a thorough Executive Director hiring process. Scott officially started in the role of Executive Director on August 1st. His executive transition is very much ongoing. He and Marylia meet every week on a predetermined topic to transfer her 40 years of institutional knowledge and experience. While well underway, this process will continue over the next several months during which Marylia’s scope of work will gradually shrink and become more specific and focused. That said, Tri-Valley CAREs has completed a significant goal that was discussed extensively at last year’s strategic planning session, and the board and all involved should be proud. Onward...

Tri-Valley CAREs has confronted some major challenges since our last planning retreat - yet our work has continued apace, our organization is strong, and we have much to celebrate this year. Our programs continue to change U.S. policy and budgets regarding nuclear weapons, nuclear materials, cleanup and health. And, we continued to maintain our dual focus on the Livermore Lab at the community level and, at the national level, on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA) weapons complex, of which Livermore Lab is an integral part.

Our influence in shaping operations at the Lab and public policy nationally often leads to visible outcomes. These pages contain some examples.

During this period, we have produced detailed, yet readable analyses, extensive, technical comment letters and issue briefings. We have met with members of the U.S. Congress, the Biden Administration, and other decision-making bodies in person and using Zoom, WebEx and similar tools.

We participated in congressional briefings, public hearings and gave interviews to local and national reporters. Our staff, board and members wrote more than a dozen “op-eds” and “letters to the

editor” that were featured in local, regional and national publications. We helped organize the annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki event, which included an original film about Daniel Ellsberg. We sponsored in-person banner holdings at Livermore Lab supporting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We made common cause with numerous groups and individuals to amplify our message.

Our virtual community organizing and public involvement activities have contributed directly to some of our victories.

Three of the watch-phrases that have guided us since our last Strategic Planning Retreat are: (1) be flexible and continue to adapt new methods in a changing environment; (2) stay strategic and keep our mission and goals front and center; and (3) be open, collaborative and connected to our membership, funders and allied groups.

Overall, we have achieved considerable progress on the program issues we chose at our strategic planning retreat last year.

What we said we would prioritize at last year’s retreat:

1st Place: REMEDY AND PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: INVOLVE OUR FENCELINE COMMUNITIES

This priority addresses projects that may be revealed in Livermore Lab’s upcoming Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement process. This is also about achieving a publicly accepted, comprehensive cleanup under the Superfund law of toxic and radioactive contamination from past activities at the Livermore Lab Main Site and Site 300. And, this priority seeks to proactively prevent pollution from Livermore Lab’s current and proposed programs, including by addressing open-air bomb blasts at Site 300 and Livermore Lab Main Site’s hazardous waste permit revisions. Through this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will increase public involvement in environmental decision-making. At the strategic level, this priority also covers our participation in the statewide CA Environmental Justice Coalition and other EJ activities, including translating our materials into Spanish.

2nd Place: STOP NEW NUCLEAR BOMBS AND BOMB PLANTS

This is about preventing the development of new and modified U.S. nuclear weapons – and the new factories that would produce them. Under this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will address Livermore Lab’s warhead development programs, with a special focus on the novel-design W87-1 and other new warheads. This priority also encompasses preventing expanded plutonium bomb core production at the Savannah River Site and the Los Alamos Lab. This priority focuses as well on planned activities at Livermore Lab, such as plutonium “materials testing” that will be conducted in support of expanded pit production. Our plutonium pit litigation to compel a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act is part of this priority. This priority will also include work to prevent a resumption of nuclear

explosive testing in Nevada. Through this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will influence national nuclear policy and the federal budget.

3rd Place: INVESTIGATE LIVERMORE LAB FACILITIES AND PUBLICIZE FINDINGS

This is about “watchdog” activities to investigate key nuclear facilities at Livermore Lab. With this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will boost its focus on Lab activities by using right-to-know laws, employee interviews and other means. This priority also involves seeking new information on Lab activities with our more than 7 outstanding FOIA requests awaiting response. This priority also encompasses a TVC analysis of the latest batch of Unusual Occurrence Reports at Livermore Lab. It also includes monitoring Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board site visit reports, U.S. Government Accountability Office analyses, and conducting other “deep dives” into government documents.

4th Place: SAFEGUARD WORKER HEALTH & SAFETY

This is about justice for Livermore Lab, and Sandia, Livermore, workers exposed to toxic and radioactive materials. Through this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will assist nuclear workers and families of deceased workers obtain compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). With this priority we will also act to preserve ongoing worker health and safety measures, including by maintaining our relationship with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board and other institutions in order to advocate for stringent safety standards and improvements to their implementation at the local level at Livermore Lab.

5th Place: PROMOTE GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

This is about contributing to the global abolition of nuclear weapons. Under this priority, Tri-Valley CAREs will focus on the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, including the planned 2023 meeting of States Parties to the TPNW in NY. It also includes our participation in other relevant UN meetings, including on the Non-Proliferation Treaty. This priority also involves other pathways to promote nuclear disarmament, including our activities as a main organizer of the annual Hiroshima - Nagasaki commemoration focused on Livermore Lab.

Measuring our progress over the past year:

This section speaks to our “accountability” in doing strategic planning. Did we do what we said we would at the last retreat? How faithfully did we hew to the priorities we chose in expending our collective time, energy and resources over the course of the year? Did we address each one? Did we make good use of our strategic “toolbox” and employ the appropriate methods to achieve our goals? Was our work plan strategic? What did our work accomplish? How well did we do overall? Where did we fall short? And, how did we handle any unforeseen events?

Here is our look back, which is foundational to our 2023 strategic planning retreat in particular - and to our collective ability to “look forward” as an organization in general.

REMEDY AND PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: INVOLVE OUR FENCELINE COMMUNITIES

For example:

- A. In September 2022, we held a community forum and released our “readers-guide” on “what to look for in the SWEIS” focusing on environmental impacts of proposed and current Lab activities. We then hosted a virtual town hall forum in English with Spanish translation centered on our Community Guide. These efforts very nicely kicked off our campaign to involve a broad cross section of the community, including lab workers past and present, in the SWEIS process. The Draft SWEIS was released in early November. As expected, it was a highly technical 3-volume, 1,800-page document. The NNSA gave the public a scant 60-day public comment period to review the SWEIS and prepare comments. As we noted in our campaign to extend the comment period, the 60-days included Thanksgiving, the December holidays and family time associated with many cultures and religions, and New Years. Our efforts to extend the public comment period resulted in a 2-week extension (less than we requested, but something) - and in 3 Bay Area members of Congress joining in our call for a longer comment period.
- B. We went to work analyzing the Draft SWEIS, preparing a sign and send comment for interested parties to use, and a longer technical comment. These comments focused on some of the worst proposals in the SWEIS (some are environmental, others weapons focused). For example: (*Just a small sampling*)
1. It proposed to raise the allowable limits on tritium (radioactive hydrogen) and weapons-grade plutonium at Livermore Lab.
 2. It outlined 75 new projects totaling 3.3 million square feet (almost all of them directly related to new weapons and new tools that would enable ever more exotic warhead designs).
 3. It proposes a new facility named the “Next Generation Life Extension Program Research & Development Fabrication Building (note the word “fabrication,” LLNL weapons designers do fabricate weapons components as part of the development process; this can be very dirty work involving hazardous and radioactive materials - now to be done with new tools and floor space according to the SWEIS).
 4. It proposes a new Advanced Hydrotest Facility to be built at Site 300 for nuclear weapons pit design. An AHF had been proposed in the 1990s for Site 300, but it was decided it would be too hazardous for that location. Additionally, since the 90’s, a huge housing project called Tracy Hills with plans for 5,500 homes has been constructed. Some of that development actually abuts Site 300. So if it was not safe before, it is not now.
- We believe that our preparation, analyses and outreach efforts mobilized hundreds of community members and stakeholder to make comment at both the public hearings (which were conducted online & in person) and in written form.
- C. Tri-Valley CAREs spent several years challenging the Lab’s proposal to increase the strength and frequency of open-air bomb blasts at Site 300. Our work on this issue is incorporated into our meetings with elected officials and relevant environmental agencies. When we met last year, the

decision was still pending at Valley Air (the San Joaquin County Air Pollution Control District) after it requested for more information from the Lab (including additional CEQA analysis), which was triggered by our written comments on the permit. At the SWEIS public hearing, the document manager was asked about the bomb blasts, which were missing from any SWEIS analysis and she answered that the proposal was not a program of record. We later asked Representative Josh Harder's office to follow up to ensure that the proposal was not being pursued in some other way, and they confirmed, the agency is no longer pursuing the increase in bomb blasts at Site 300. This is a major victory and we should be very proud of all of our hard work. And also stay vigilant, as these types of proposals have a way of coming back. But, for now, KUDOS!!!

- D. TVC continued to play a leadership role in the statewide Calif. Environmental Justice Coalition. Raiza Marciscano-Bettis has participated in monthly conference calls and in numerous joint actions with CEJC over the past year. More recently Raiza's work schedule for TVC has changed and Marylia has therefor added CEJC activities to her scope of work as senior advisor.
- E. During our usual tracking of the cleanup budgets for Fiscal Year 2024, we learned that funding for the Main Site and Site 300 Superfund cleanup programs was being cut 10%. TVC immediately "went to bat" to restore this cleanup funding, advocating in virtual meetings and during ANA's DC Days with Congressional staff and agency officials over the last year. Specifically, we have worked with Rep. Josh Harder, who is on the Appropriations committee, to work to restore this funding. Due to the budget being stalled the status of the funding at this moment is in limbo, but Tri-Valley CAREs continue to fight for its restoration and increased funding for cleanup in the future.
- F. Our environmental activities since the last strategic planning retreat have centrally included Spanish language translation of key materials. Tri-Valley CAREs tabled at Tracy's Earth Day celebration and at the Bonnie Raitt concert in Berkeley, which both focused on our environmental work.
- G. Tri-Valley CAREs called the first in person "TAG (Technical Assistance Grant)" meeting since 2019 with Livermore Lab Cleanup staff and regulators like Region 9 EPA, the water board, the air district and DTSC. An update on the cleanup status of both the Main Site and Site 300 was provided, strategy on public participation was discussed and planning for future cleanup based site tours was examined.
- H. Tri-Valley CAREs has maintained a focus on environmental issues at Livermore Lab this past year also through letters to the editor, published in the Tracy Press, Stockton Record, the Independent, the East Bay Times, the San Jose Mercury News and other newspapers.

STOP NEW NUCLEAR BOMBS AND BOMB PLANTS

For example:

- A. Throughout the period following our September planning retreat, we tracked the nuclear weapons budget process. We provided analyses of the Biden Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 budget request. We are one of only a few groups in the country to focus on NNSA and, specifically, its spending on nuclear weapons activities (read as funding for new warheads and bomb plants). TVC's

analyses covered both the overall NNSA budget request and the specific LLNL budget request. These were done by Marylia Kelley (NNSA) and Scott Yundt (Livermore Lab). Our Executive Director also presented on budget issues (and promoted our recommendations) at multiple venues hosted by colleague groups across the country. Indeed, TVC is often called on by others groups for its budget expertise. And, our materials, including Spanish language translations done by Raiza Marciscano-Bettis, continue to be used by decision-makers and non-governmental groups alike. *(Note: while the who-did-which-tasks will not be reproduced for each subsection, it is offered here as one example of staff division of labor within TVC.)*

- B. Scott served on the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability’s DC Days Planning Committee for its first in person event since 2019. Marylia served on the editorial committee that produced a special report entitled “Break the Cycle for a Safer Future” showcasing ANA recommendations on new bombs and bomb plants for Congress and the Administration (also featured on our website). Marylia also conducted the training for activists on new warheads at DC Days before she got sick. Our then staff attorney, Scott Yundt, and Board member, Pam Richard, participated in – and often led – our meetings with officials. More than 55 meetings were scheduled with Members of Congress, their staff, and federal agency staff, including the Department of Energy’s Environmental Management office, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, among others. Our Tri-Valley CAREs team met with several of our Bay Area members of Congress including Representative Eric Swalwell (Science Committee, and whose district includes the Livermore Lab Main Site), Representative Ro Khanna (Armed Services Committee), and Representative Barbara Lee (Appropriations Committee). We also met with Representative Josh Harder (Appropriations Committee, and whose Central Valley district includes Livermore Lab’s Site 300 High Explosives Testing Range). Additionally, our team met with Senators who sit on committees relevant to our issues, including but not limited to Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) who leads the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development that has direct power over funding NNSA’s nuclear weapons programs at Livermore Lab and elsewhere.
- C. Throughout the year, Tri-Valley CAREs played a leadership role in challenging new weapons development, particularly the W87-1 (Livermore design) to sit atop a new land-based missile, the W80-4 and its SLCM modification (Livermore design) to sit atop new air launched and sea launched missiles. This included attending weekly meetings with Ploughshares Nuke Advocacy Group via Zoom to discuss strategy for challenging these warhead programs. Much of our work focused on the W87-1’s requirement for new plutonium cores (pits). SLCM was left out of President Biden’s FY2024 budget request, but funding was put in the NDAA by congressional hawks. We opposed this funding in meetings during DC and virtual meetings. We also shared information we first obtained last year about Livermore Lab’s role in this pit production scheme, including that that Los Alamos Lab will send plutonium to Livermore as part of expanded pit production and that there is money in the budget for new plutonium glove boxes at Livermore to enable its role in production (though the full pits would not be made here).
- D. As part of stopping new bomb plants, we also continued our contribution this past year to the litigation Tri-Valley CAREs and three colleague groups filed under the National Environmental Policy Act. Our lawsuit asks the federal judge to compel a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

(PEIS) that would cover all of the sites involved in NNSA's plans to expand plutonium pit production, meaning not only the Savannah River Site and Los Alamos but also Livermore Lab and numerous other locations. Together with our lead attorneys at the South Carolina Environmental Law Center (SCELP) we won a huge victory! The government had both attacked our standing to bring the case and asked the Court to dismiss the case on the grounds it wasn't judiciable – and the government lost decisively on both counts. The case then proceeded and the government had to create the "Administrative Record," i.e. the entire universe of documents relied on by the Agencies (NNSA and DOE) in making their decision. The Plaintiff groups split up the thousands of pages, reviewed them for content, identified key missing documents and had SCELPL file a Motion to Augment. The Judge requested the motion be submitted along with the Motion for Summary Judgment and set a briefing schedule for 2024. There will be significant work for Scott on the case as we proceed. Fingers crossed.

- E. Our efforts to stop new plutonium pit production this year were two fold, on the one hand assisting our lead attorneys at the South Carolina Environmental Law Project with the litigation and, on the other hand, interacting with congressional offices, other decision-makers, and the public about the multiple risks and dangers posed by expanded pit production. Our public-facing work has included newspaper and radio interviews, speaking engagements (virtual) around the country, local letters to the editor, and a Congressional Briefing! Following DC Days, Tri-Valley CAREs, joined by Nuclear Watch New Mexico, Savannah River Site Watch and Union of Concerned Scientists held a congressional briefing for staff on the status of – and alternatives to – expanded plutonium pit production. Our principal briefers were Dr. Frank von Hippel (Princeton) and Elle Eckman (Rep. Garamendi's Defense/HASC staffer). Each of the 4 sponsoring organizations also made short presentations and answered questions. TVC was represented by our staff attorney (now fully installed as our ED) Scott Yundt. Two-dozen Congressional offices participated.
- F. As mentioned in the section on the environment, Tri-Valley CAREs devoted significant time and energy analyzing the Draft SWEIS. The SWEIS will determine the scope and extent of Livermore lab's nuclear weapons activities over the coming 15 years, as well as look at environmental programs and the environmental impacts of all Lab programs. The SWEIS also contains suggestions of how Livermore Lab will be a participant in new plutonium pit production.
- G. We collaborated with Bay Area groups in 2023 on the 78th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to commemorate the life (and passing) of long time anti-nuclear weapons activist, and Pentagon Paper whistle-blower Daniel Ellsberg. A gathering in the street in front of the Lab gates where he had many times protested started the event, with his wife Patricia calling the participants "Daniel's tribe." A moment of silence, a dropping of flowers, and banner holding as employees entered the facility brought the participants together. The event culminated with the screening of an original film that featured full excerpts of Daniel speaking at the gates of Livermore Lab during several past Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorations. (now on our website and on YouTube. The event attracted roughly 75 participants. Prior to the release, Tri-Valley CAREs published several letters to the editor. The event also garnered media attention including an extensive interview on Pacifica Evening News (KPFA), Channel 7 TV news coverage, Channel 4 TV news coverage, and an article in People's World.

- H. In December 2022, the Livermore Laboratory and the US Department of Energy announced a “breakthrough” in nuclear fusion. An experiment at the National Ignition Facility (NIF) achieved fusion ignition, they reported. While the late-2022 development was largely framed in the media as a hopeful step forward for purportedly limitless nuclear energy purposes. Tri-Valley CAREs responded with blogs and in meetings with crucial context - that this achievement took place at a facility meant to help maintain and support the US nuclear weapon stockpile. Tri-Valley CAREs joined Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy and other esteemed colleagues for an informative virtual discussion panel offering an overview the NIF’s fusion achievement alongside an historical look at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and its relevance to the US nuclear weapons program, and an exploration of how this development implicates international law. Tri-Valley CAREs also amplified other colleagues who wrote critiques of NIF’s “milestone” via social media and our website.
- I. Tri-Valley CAREs was honored to work with the Ploughshares Fund team to advance our mutual policy objectives through the occasion attending a pre-release screening of Christopher Nolan’s film, Oppenheimer in San Francisco. Marylia, Scott, Loulena, Luke, Mary, Inga and several other Tri-Valley CAREs members attended. Marylia spoke before the film on a panel facilitated by Elizabeth Warner from Ploughshares, and was tasked with contextualizing the film by highlighting what was missing - the harms posed by nuclear weapons. Oppenheimer’s grandson was in attendance as well.

INVESTIGATE LIVERMORE LAB FACILITIES AND PUBLICIZE FINDINGS

For example:

- A. We continued to track the Lab’s budget with specific attention to: (a) the cleanup budget generally, (b) the budget for decontaminating and decommissioning of the “high-risk” buildings, and (c) the budget for several specific new nuclear weapons for which Livermore is the “lead” laboratory. We discovered the 10% funding cut for cleanup and a slowdown in D&D funding for the “high-risk” buildings and focused some DC Days advocacy and virtual district meetings on those cuts.
- B. We filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation regarding 7 separate FOIA request for records including, (a) the full Performance Evaluation Report for Livermore Lab (which is an annual report), (b) information on the Livermore Lab’s “missed milestones” (read as delays) for the W87-1 and W80-4 warhead development projects, and (c) information on why the contained firing facility at Site 300 was shut down for a significant portion of last year and more. These FOIA request had gone unanswered, as have three earlier FOIA requests. Since filing several requests have been fully responded to, including the request about the CFF accident, which was the subject of a recent blog. The litigation is ongoing and should reach a negotiated settlement in 2024.

SAFEGUARD WORKER HEALTH & SAFETY

For example:

- A. TVC has assisted numerous individual workers with their compensation claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). This work has included properly masked meetings in our office when necessary with individual sick workers. For the first

time since 2019, we partnered with health care providers to offer 2 workshops on EEOICPA in Livermore & Tracy.

- B. Another way we support worker and public safety and prevent more toxic spills at the Lab is by meeting with – and advocating for - the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB). We had an in-person meeting with a DNFSB Board member and the Livermore site representative in person in our office in July 2023. We expect regular meetings to resume.

PROMOTE GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

For example:

- A. We planned, sponsored and spoke at major demonstrations for disarmament at Livermore Lab, particularly the aforementioned Hiroshima-Nagasaki events at the Good Friday events hosted by our colleagues at the Ecumenical Peace Institute.
- B. We also conducted outreach, locally and nationally, to publicize and involve a broad cross section of people in celebrating the second anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Notably, Tri-Valley CAREs was part of the national organizing committee catalyzing actions at more than 100 nuclear weapons sites, military bases, congressional offices and other locations on the January 2023 “banniversary.” As part of this Tri-Valley CAREs hosted a local celebration at the Livermore Lab’s West Gate with our multiple 8-foot banners, a loudspeaker reading of the treaty text and more. While we always get mixed reactions from Lab workers entering the gate, our “Nuclear Weapons Are Illegal” banners did get a lot of smiles, positive honks, and a few waves.
- C. In August, we arrived with these same banners at the West Gate to commemorate the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As noted, Tri-Valley CAREs and colleague organizations also commemorated the passing of Daniel Ellsberg with an original film highlighting his talks at the gates of the lab on nuclear disarmament at previous Hirshosima events. We also blogged, got letters to the editor published and conducted considerable outreach in support of the TPNW.

Note: In addition to specific priority program work, we have pursued multi-program activities through our participation in the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (weapons, disarmament and cleanup) and through other coalitions such as the California Environmental Justice Coalition. We have also supported multi-programmatic goals through numerous local activities, including monthly meetings, LTE parties and more. Moreover, we have done significant “ally” work to support initiatives in clean energy and climate change, to cite but two examples.

Notably, we have continued to shift from an emphasis on disseminating our info in postal newsletters to more frequent electronic newsletters instead. E-news now goes out about twice monthly with additional event and action notices sent when needed. We also used our social media outlets, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok to communicate with our audience and followers.

You can also see among our achievements above that there are objectives yet to be realized, from big picture global nuclear disarmament and national policy change on nuclear weapons to local

objectives such as achieving comprehensive cleanup of contamination from past bomb activities at Livermore Lab, among others. It is intended that this progress report will be one of multiple elements employed in determining our goals for the coming year.

Conclusion:

At Livermore Lab and other DOE NNSA sites, the continued development, testing and production of U.S. nuclear weapons is both proliferation-provocative and hazardous to human health and the environment. We who live around U.S. nuclear weapons facilities have the fundamental moral, legal and democratic right to participate in decision-making. Moreover, the broader public at large also has a right and responsibility to participate in these important policy decisions.

Yet it appears that the last thing DOE and its NNSA want is an informed public exercising these rights. Many of the agencies' most controversial program details and decisions are shrouded by techno-speak and buried in the middle of complex technical planning documents, if they are made public at all.

Tri-Valley CAREs serves as a unique watchdog and "counterweight" in Livermore. Our events are generally well attended (though challenged by pandemic), and we continue to play an important role in catalyzing a wide range of groups to come together and influence decisions.

The residents of Livermore, Tracy and surrounding communities, including many people who work at the Livermore Lab, value the information and education services we provide. This can be seen in many ways, including our receipt of info from Livermore Lab employees who want to share what they know but are afraid of reprisal.

Further, our ability to monitor DOE and NNSA activities and influence policy can be seen in instances where government officials have modified decisions based on public pressure we have generated. Tri-Valley CAREs' combination of research, public education and grassroots advocacy is designed to help affected communities – here in Livermore and across the country – become better informed and exercise their rights.

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