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# TRI-VALLEY CARES ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Tri-Valley CAREs supporter,

Hi, Scott here. As we stand on the cusp of 2026, please join me in celebrating some of Tri-Valley CAREs' 2025 successes. My highlight is winning our lawsuit to compel the government to fully analyze the severe environmental hazards of its plans to produce more than 80 plutonium bomb cores (called pits) per year – all of them for new nuclear weapons!

It took a three-year court battle, but we prevailed, alongside three wonderful colleague groups. Next, we successfully activated public comments on the beginning stage of the review process. In 2026, we are expecting the government to release the court mandated draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and hold public hearings across the country. Stay tuned!

Further, we countered “Project 2025’s” aim to move toward resuming nuclear explosive testing in Nevada – which would end a more than 30-year ban (since 1992) and open the floodgates to full-scale testing by other nuclear-armed nations – thereby heightening the risk of nuclear war.

Thus, we were poised to swing into action when President Trump posted in October on Truth Social, *“Because of other countries’ testing programs, I have instructed the Department of War to start testing our nuclear weapons on an equal basis.”* This post is as dangerous as it is inaccurate. Our aim is to stop any nuclear testing plans in their tracks, using our full “toolbox” of research, community organizing, media, advocacy, protest, and collaboration with colleague groups (see photo).



*Tri-Valley CAREs staff joined with ANA members at Nevada National Security Site in November 2025.*

## GOOD NEWS: Your Gift Now Will be Doubled!!

I’m excited to let you know that if we raise \$15,000 by the end of the year, the Prospect Hill Foundation will match it with another \$15,000. **Your tax-deductible gift in any amount will be deeply appreciated, put to immediate good use – and, now, doubled!**

Your generous support really makes a difference. For example, with your past help, we added two brilliant new staff members this year – Tanvi Kardile and Anoushka Raj (See enclosed flyer with our *“Staff Highlights of 2025”*).

Together, we will meet this historical moment. Thank You!

**In appreciation,**

**Scott Yundt**, Executive Director, along with the Tri-Valley CAREs' 2025 Board of Directors

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## ENVIRONMENT

*The Tri-Valley continues to face the environmental legacy of nuclear weapons development at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Main Site and Site 300. Groundwater contamination, soil pollution, and unresolved cleanup remain serious concerns for nearby communities. Tri-Valley CAREs works to ensure cleanup is transparent, accountable, and protective of public health.*

This year, our environmental work centered on cleanup oversight and technical analysis. We reviewed (and provided Spanish translation) the key environmental documents released by LLNL, including the groundwater cleanup report and the [Annual Site Environmental Report](#), and organized a meeting with Lab staff and regulatory agencies so community members could ask questions and hear directly about cleanup plans. This work helped demystify complex reports and made it easier for residents to understand what cleanup progress means for their health and environment.

TVC also expanded its public education work by centering youth leadership through an [Environmental Video Contest](#). Young people from around the world submitted videos that connected environmental issues like to their lived experiences and concerns for the future. The contest elevated youth voices while building creative and technical skills, and it helped make complex topics more accessible to the broader community. Through this youth storytelling, TVC strengthened intergenerational engagement and deepened public understanding of environmental justice.

*In Tracy, we advanced the [Tracy Environmental Mapping Project](#) as a community outreach tool designed to make environmental concerns visible and actionable. We worked with residents to gather on-the-ground knowledge and questions they want answered, then connected those experiences to publicly available information about contamination concerns, hazardous waste, air and water issues, and other factors that shape day-to-day exposure and risk. The result is a shared reference map for conversations with neighbors, local leaders, and agencies; something people can point to when describing what they see in their community and what they need investigated, monitored, or addressed. By grounding technical information in specific places and lived experience, the project helps more residents participate in environmental decision-making with confidence and clarity.*

# JUSTICE

*Tri-Valley CAREs seeks to advance justice for the community through getting information to the public and helping nuclear weapons workers make claims and receive compensation from illnesses caused by on the job exposures.*

We relay information on National Nuclear Security Administration activities in Livermore and Tracy to the public through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. We made twenty requests this year— some examples are information about the Corral Fire, tritium releases, air monitoring, and Congress’s plutonium pit quantitative requirement. The Corral Fire was an important FOIA request as it resulted in us having the first publicly released report identifying the cause of the fire! The victory for transparency is a reminder of the power of public pressure. We will continue to demand accountability, stronger safety measures, and full disclosure of hazards that could impact our communities. This ongoing work has helped disseminate crucial information regarding community hazards and policy measures to the public that otherwise would not have been made available.

We have also continued to be hard at work on our sick workers’ program, in which we assist nuclear weapons workers and contractors who have been made ill by on-the-job radiation exposures make claims and receive compensation. We do so through providing pro bono advice to workers pursuing their own claims and direct representation as an authorized representative. This year, we directly represented a dozen workers to try and get their claims approved! We also participated in outreach to several hundred workers through three outreach events—one in Tracy and two in Livermore.



**EEOICPA**

Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Program Act

# PEACE

*Because we believe nuclear weapons decrease human security and pose one of the great social, existential, economic and ecological challenges of our time, Tri-Valley CAREs is working to abolish them.*

We believe that the global security gained through cooperation is far stronger and more sustainable than that bought through fear. In 2025 we started the year off by supporting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, with a demonstration at the gates of Livermore Lab to celebrate the “banniversary” of the treaty’s entry into force. As the year came to a close, we asked our membership to take action to support an extension of the limits in the New START bilateral treaty between the US and Russia as it reached 100 days from expiration. This effort will continue into 2026, and we urge our membership to continue to reach out to their representatives to support the only remaining limit the worlds two main nuclear weapons stockpiles.

After winning our lawsuit challenging new plutonium bomb core production, we activated public participation in the first round of public comment on the “programmatic” environmental review. As the new administration escalated military and weapons spending, with a defense budget request hitting \$1 trillion for Fiscal Year 2026, and nuclear weapons topping \$87 billion, we stepped up our efforts to challenge their plans.

We produced detailed blogs and factsheets on Livermore Lab’s budget, which includes a staggering \$2".625 billion for nuclear weapons activities, while zeroing out any funding for its renewable energy programs in 2026. We also made major contributions to the “What About Waste? 80 Years of Nuclear” report released by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) and distributed to Members of Congress at the “2025 DC Days,” which included six team members from Tri-Valley CAREs. At this year’s DC Days we were able to garner multiple cosponsors to House Resolution 317: Urging the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race.

Tri-Valley CAREs has stepped up its efforts to amplify this work by working in coalition with our partners at ANA, Back from the Brink, and San Francisco Bay Area groups, who joined us in organizing a powerful event to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the gates of Livermore Lab in August.

# Tri-Valley CAREs'

## 2025 Staff Highlights



**Raiza Marciscano-Bettis: Bilingual Community Organizer**

“I work with community members and leaders to increase their understanding of the toxic and radioactive contaminants released into our air, water and soils due to Livermore Lab’s nuclear weapons programs. This year, as our government tries to shut down public involvement, I am proud of our work to ensure that the Lab is held accountable – and that the community’s voice is heard. I maintain a Spanish language newsletter to uphold environmental justice and ensure that everyone can participate in decisions that affect their lives. I love collecting photos – and making short videos – for Tri-Valley CAREs’ social media accounts.”



**Anoushka Raj: Environmental Program Director**

“My first year at Tri-Valley CAREs has been full of real-world learning that deepens my academic training. I’m especially proud of our Tracy Mapping Project, which gives families an accessible tool to understand the contamination in their neighborhoods and advocate for a stronger cleanup. This year also took me deeper into fire-related oversight, from analyzing the causes of the Lab’s Site 300 Corral Fire to supporting our review of the Lab’s recent Main Site fire. Those experiences grounded me in the risks our communities face and why our work matters. Consistent community- focused work makes a real difference!”



**Tanvi Kardile: Nuclear Policy Director**

“The highlight for my first year at Tri-Valley CAREs has been being a part of its youth engagement efforts. I’m inspired seeing the next generation of nuclear abolition activists, including our student interns, enter this movement. Our youth engagement wasn’t just limited to local efforts—we also took three young first-timers to Washington DC with us in June to advocate for nuclear disarmament and environmental cleanup policies! Their work on House Resolution 317 - “Urging the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race,” helped to garner co-sponsorships from Bay Area Representatives Lateefah Simon and Mark DeSaulnier; among others!”



**Marylia Kelley: Senior Advisor**

“As I celebrate 42 years with Tri-Valley CAREs, I want to share two highlights. First, I am thrilled beyond measure with our transition to next generation leadership. Our future is *bright*. Two, I want to lift up our decades-long tradition of speaking truth to power at the gates of Livermore Lab. Several hundred of us commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the US atomic bombings Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the Lab’s West Gate on August 6th with a powerful, peaceful witness, rally, bon dance and direct action. I am honored to have worked alongside so many incredible organizations to remember these tragic moments in our history and shed light on the nuclear threats of today.”



## Organizational Impact Snapshot



### 10000+

People reached in Tracy and Livermore



### 30+

events held in Tracy and Livermore



### 74

advocacy meetings with Members of Congress

### Transparency and Cleanup Oversight

## 400+

Factsheets distributed locally and at events

### 20

FOIA requests filed this year

### 30+

documents translated into Spanish

### Community Training

## 600+

people trained through public comment workshops

### 10+

community presentations delivered

### Youth + Campus Engagement

### 5

active youth interns

### 10+

video contest participants

### 6+

events at college campuses

### Action + Social Media

### 31

action alerts sent out

### 992

new accounts reached on Instagram

### 31

events at college campuses

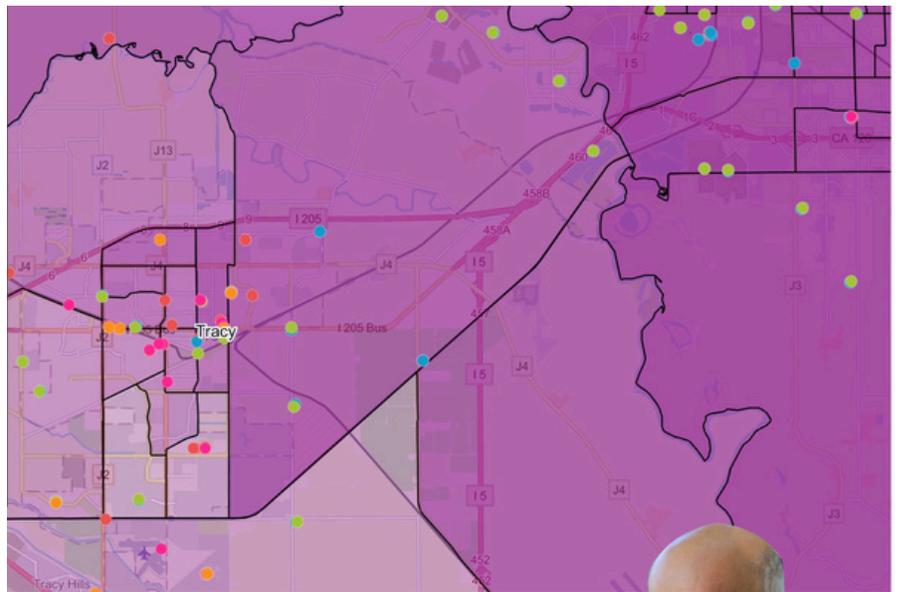
# 2025: OUT AND ABOUT WITH TRI-VALLEY CARES



Signs and songs at Livermore Lab's West Gate celebrating the 'Banniversary' of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and urging the United States to join this historic ban.

Our interactive Tracy Contaminant Map puts community stories and pollution data into one web tool, empowering neighbors to investigate and advocate together.

Tri-Valley CAREs was in Washington, D.C.—meeting with members of Congress and agency officials to bring frontline community concerns from Livermore and Tracy straight into federal decision-making.



At the gates of Livermore Lab, we honored the 80th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—standing with survivors and calling for a future free of nuclear weapons, with powerful remarks from Arjun Makhijani and Marylia Kelley.



# TVC IN THE MEDIA

**GOVERNMENT PLANS MORE PLUTONIUM AT LIVERMORE LAB FOR NUCLEAR ARSENAL AS ADVOCACY GROUPS PUSH BACK**

ABC 7 News

Scott Yundt, Executive Director at Tri-Valley CAREs, says the ICBM test launches at Vandenberg “only serve to provoke other nuclear weapon states.”

He says that “ICBMs are not just proliferation provocative, they are extremely expensive, vulnerable to attack, and redundant of capabilities of the submarine leg of the nuclear triad.” And that the development of new ICBMs “escalates the new nuclear arms race.”

“Plaintiffs including Savannah River Site Watch, South Carolina Environmental Law Project Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition, Nuclear Watch New Mexico and Tri-Valley CAREs forced NNSA to halt construction on many phases of its plutonium pit facility near Aiken, SC, to hold public scoping meetings, solicit public comments, and produce a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement within thirty months.”

**IF PRESIDENT TRUMP AND ELON MUSK WANT TO CUT FEDERAL WASTE, THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO ACTIVISTS WHO’VE BEEN TARGETING THE LAND-BASED LEG OF THE NUCLEAR TRIAD FOR DECADES**

Progressive Hub

**NEW ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COALITION PROTESTS EPA CUTS**

SF Public Press

“About 150 Bay Area residents and advocates for environmental justice gathered on the steps of an Environmental Protection Agency office in downtown San Francisco on Tuesday to protest the Trump administration’s rollbacks of environmental protections.”

“Anti-nuclear war activists protested outside Lawrence Livermore National laboratory in California on Wednesday, the 80th anniversary of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

**ACTIVISTS PROTEST OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL LAB TO MARK 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATOMIC BOMBING OF JAPAN**

AP News

# Double Your Donation Today!



**Stop Nuclear Weapons.** Your support can go twice as far in protecting our communities, our environment, and our democracy. We're thrilled to share that the Prospect Hill Foundation has agreed to **match every donation** made to Tri-Valley CARES dollar-for-dollar up to \$15,000.

**Any donation over \$25 gets you a classic Tri-Valley CARES T-Shirt!** Check the box on the reply card below and we will contact you for sizing and color! (Our T-shirts are great gifts...)

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