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Tri-Valley CAREs

Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

2026 Annual Report

Tri-Valley CAREs stops nuclear weapons where they start.

We watchdog the nuclear weapons complex and its Livermore Lab, one of two locations that develops all US nuclear bombs and warheads. Nuclear weapons pose one of the great social, economic, and ecological challenges of our time. We work toward their global abolition.

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Dear Tri-Valley CAREs supporter,

As we stand on the cusp of 2027, it is time to reflect on some of Tri-Valley CAREs' 2026 achievements. A top success this year followed winning our years-long lawsuit to require environmental review of the government's plans to build up to 205 new plutonium pits annually for new nuclear weapons. The Court ordered the government to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. This year, we galvanized the public and turned the review process into a **national referendum against new plutonium pit production.**

I am so proud of this work! We facilitated ten "public comment trainings" attended by hundreds of eager participants. Working with colleagues, we collected more than 4,000 pledges to submit written comments. Further, we mobilized several hundred people to attend five public hearings across the country, including one in Livermore where person after person rose and testified powerfully against this horrible plan. We filed detailed technical comments on behalf of our members, and worked with a dozen groups to hone theirs. Also, thanks to Tri-Valley CAREs' efforts, Rep. John Garamendi (CA-8) submitted congressional comments challenging the plan!

In conjunction with our efforts to stop new plutonium bomb core production nationally, we also challenged the development of new Livermore-designed nuclear weapons. We went to Washington DC to oppose new funding for three of these new nuclear weapons - the W87-1, W80-5, and W93, as well as Livermore's continued work on the W80-4. In so doing, **we added obstacles to new warheads for all three legs of the triad!** We also brought attention to money requested by Livermore Lab for an unexplained category called "Future Programs," raising concerns about additional weapons already being considered outside meaningful public scrutiny. We argued in more than 80 congressional meetings, articles, blogs, Op-Eds and in presentations that these dangerous weapons should be terminated rather than allowed to consume still more public money.

Read on to hear from our staff members about our work across three programs this year. We laid the ground work for the new, post-midterm Congress to take action to rethink these programs. With your continued support we will stop them in 2027! **Onward...**

In appreciation, *Scott Yundt*, Executive Director

"Tri-Valley CAREs' blend of original research, careful analysis, litigation, and speaking truth to power with an effective, organized community at our side has yielded positive results. We brought a new generation of activists into our work this year. We built alliances with congressional leaders to oppose new nuclear warheads - and new plutonium cores. We exposed horrifying rollbacks to nuclear safety regulations, drafted principally by Livermore Lab, in 'Project Velocity.' And we kept our eyes on the prize of a world free of nuclear weapons. I can't wait to do even more in 2027!"

-Marylia Kelley, Senior Advisor



PEACE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2026, Tri-Valley CAREs organized for nuclear disarmament with a renewed focus on international accords. We mobilized around the expiration of New START early in the year with calls to action, articles and coalition work. We celebrated five years of the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** at the gates of Livermore Lab. We are preparing to send two staff members to the first 5-year Review Conference of the treaty at the UN in New York City. While at the UN, we will co-host a panel on the impacts of US nuclear weapons modernization! At the annual Hiroshima comemmoration at Livermore Lab's West Gate, we coordinated a powerful program of speakers, Japanese cultural elements, more than a hundred activists, and a direct action where folks blocked the Lab entrance for approximately 30 minutes, with 13 participants cited and released.



"At the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Review Conference at the UN this December, I am eager to bring the story of those directly affected by Livermore Lab's nuclear weapons activites. This includes previously unknown information that TVC learned this year from a variety of Freedom of Information Act requests."

-Raine Gordon, Staff Attorney Fellow

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This year, our environmental work centered on bringing cleanup work directly to people living beside the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. We helped organize the first public Superfund tours of the Main Site and Site 300 since 2019, investigated PFAS ("forever chemicals") and uranium contamination, and pressed for repairs to groundwater treatment systems damaged by the recet wildfire at Livermore Lab's Site 300. We also canvassed all 96 apartments at Livermore Gardens in English and Spanish and held a neighborhood meeting about nearby groundwater and plutonium contamination. We are continuing this work through preparation for LLNL's Seventh Five-Year Review, which will assess whether cleanup is making enough progress.



"People ask sharp questions when they are actually given the information and space to participate in decision making. I'm proud that we created more of those opportunities this year."

-Anoushka Raj, Environmental Program Manager

JUSTICE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2026, we fought to protect nuclear safety regulations, save foundational environmental laws, and counter attacks on public participation in federal decision making. This included commenting on the government's rulemaking changes set to weaken existing protections in response to Trump Executive Orders. We also took the lead in advocating for the oversight authority of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB). Under Trump, some sites began preventing DNFSB access to information and facilities. We ensured the DNFSB was brought up in every meeting at DC Days, met with DNFSB technical staff, and drafted letters to Congress to support DNFSB. And, we continued providing Spanish translations of public documents, and having live translation at all our community events.



"It brings me joy to translate the research that Tri-Valley CAREs produces into Spanish, my native language. I am proud that my work upholds environmental justice by bringing information to community members the Lab ignores."

- Raiza Marciscano-Bettis, Bilingual Community Organizer

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