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STATEMENT OF PLAINTIFFS IN REACTION TO THE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION DECISION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUIT AGAINST U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS

Judge Sporkin granted our motion in part and denied it in part. We are pleased that he recognized the legitimacy of plaintiffs' concerns about the environmental, health and safety risks of the Stockpile Stewardship &Management (SS&M) program. Based on these concerns, he ordered the Department of Energy to disclose more information about its plutonium pit remanufacturing plans and the National Ignition Facility, as well as alternatives to the SS&M program.

However, we regret that Judge Sporkin did not issue a preliminary injunction, which would have immediately suspended these activities pending resolution of the case. The case will now proceed to a full airing of the issues on the merits. We shall continue to oppose the wasteful, provocative and environmentally dangerous Stockpile Stewardship & Management program in every possible venue.

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