



Los Alamos Study Group

Nuclear Disarmament • Environmental Protection • Social Justice • Economic Sustainability

New Mexico's People & Environment - or New Nuclear Weapons Act Now before It Is Too Late

Suggested Actions

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First, become knowledgeable. You do not have to become an expert. There is a vast amount of information on our website – [fact sheets](#), [letters](#), and [bulletins](#). Use your own words. Speaking from your heart and mind goes a long way. If all you do is duplicate the language used in our statements or letters, it becomes like a form letter and it will be less effective.

In order of importance:

1. **Letters to the editor/Op-eds** to the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#), [Albuquerque Journal](#), and [Los Alamos Reporter](#). These are very effective in calling attention to the issues publicly, as well as calling out politicians and holding them accountable. Op-eds are even better and more words are allowed. A well written letter or op-ed will be circulated in Washington, D.C. and other political arenas, as well as get the attention of other media sources. Word limits are listed on the separate newspapers' websites. [For more information and links](#).
2. **Get businesses, organizations and churches to sign on to the “[Call for Sanity](#)”**. Our communities are already impacted so heavily now from this pandemic, we cannot afford to have something like plutonium pit production and the expansion of LANL add to the economic and environmental collapse, nor add to the health care stress. This is not providing real safety or security.
3. **Letters/calls to our state legislators and local government – specifically Santa Fe, Espanola, Taos – and the immediate surrounding areas of Los Alamos**. Their support to stop pit production matters. We have [two proposed resolutions](#) which are stalled now with the Santa Fe City Council. One prohibits the City of Santa Fe from participating in, or entering into any agreements with nuclear weapons agencies. The other resolution requests a new Site-Wide Environmental Statement (SWEIS) for LANL. These resolutions need to be re-emphasized and pressure put on the Santa Fe City councilors and the Mayor to pass them.
4. **Letters/calls to [congressional delegation](#)**. LANL has become their political heroin and they are addicted. The amounts of money being poured into the nuclear weapons complex is outrageous. This is our money – tax-payer dollars.
 - a. These monies could be used for valuable programs – like health care, education, creating real sustainable jobs and more.
 - b. Congress needs to implement programs that decrease inequality, increase local democracy, ownership and control and redirect priorities away from the military budget/complex overall.
 - c. Emphasize the need for a SWEIS. The recent [draft Supplement Analysis \(SA\)](#) to the NNSA's 2008 SWEIS for LANL is not an EIS, nor does it give any consideration to public comment received. A new SWEIS must be implemented for public comment to be heard and considered. The 2008 SWEIS and this SA are inadequate for the proposed expansion of LANL.
5. **Letters to current congressional nominees – when the primaries are over**. Clear statements on their positions regarding pit production, new nuclear weapons and the SWEIS would be valuable. Ask them for their support of real security/safety, health care, education and jobs for all of New Mexico.

We are living in unprecedented times and the survival of the planet and humanity are at stake. A major change in consciousness is necessary. We cannot continue as before. We can stop new nuclear weapons and pit production. We can retool the priorities of our government, but we must commit to the effort.

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