Since 1989 LANL has failed four times in its attempts while neglecting the state’s real priorities. Increase nuclear pork-barrel spending in the state – ballistic missile (ICBM).

The U.S. has not had a functioning pit factory since 1989. LANL could produce pits reliably for a long time, which nobody seriously believes is possible. Meanwhile LANL’s production capacity is too small to produce pits – or to not make pits, the wiser choice. The SC branch of LANL was not designed to produce pits. These slowly age. If for some reason the U.S. still is building nuclear warheads in the late 2030s and 2040s – which we can hope will be an era of deepening climate collapse, global famine, and other severe crises threatening the very existence of the U.S. – LANL will be the last of the new pits. At the earliest.

Until then, about 15 to 25 years from now (or even longer if the U.S. stockpile shrinks), no new pits are needed. Right now, the U.S. has a gigantic arrears of 2,300 deployed warheads with 1,800 in reserve and 1,750 retired warheads, plus about 5,600 aging but usable spare pits.

LANL pit facilities: old, unsafe, unreliable

By the time pits are actually "needed," LANL’s facilities will be "out of date," as LANL’s nuclear weapons production therefore means a commitment to another factor, beyond the sea-born brief.

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