Twentymiles from the Santa Fe Plaza, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is building the largest construction project creating a National Nuclear Weapons Pits Production Complex, a $11 billion, ten-year program to build an entirely new nuclear production facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). It’s purpose is to produce weapons-grade plutonium at LANL for a new kind of nuclear warhead for a new $100 billion intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). To create the new LANL facility, LANL is remodeling its 1970s-vintage plutonium pit factory while LANL rents and leases the pit factory to New Mexico and other workers, along with a large scale.

Why a crash program?
Why at LANL?

At its most basic level, the answer lies in the obsessions prevalent from the new nuclear arms race, a perceived need to grow the U.S. nuclear weapons complex to offset declining U.S. global power, and the constant efforts by New Mexico politicians to increase nuclear pork-barrel spending in the state – while neglecting the state’s real vocations, with real meaning, for the rising generation?

Our state & country desperately need wholesome social, economic, and political impacts. Green, social goals – the antithesis of LANL’s political power – are derailed and deferred. LANL suborns the attention and loyalty of our political and civic leadership and provides false, self-serving answers to the economic, environmental and social problems we face.

LANL’s semi-secret plans are unclear even to LANL. And they are expanding. Two partially-built plutonium warhead factories under construction near Santa Fe and South Carolina (SC), which is large enough to make as many pits as LANL’s old facilities don’t meet federal safety standards.

New pits aren’t needed for any U.S. nuclear weapon. It is the costliest project in the history of New Mexico. LANL’s old facilities don’t meet federal safety standards. A new, safer pit factory is being built in South Carolina. LANL pit production has nothing to do with maintaining the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile.

LANL’s old factories: old, unsafe, unreliable

Since 1989 LANL has failed four times in its attempts to build a pit factory. In 2019, the Institute for Defense Analyses warned that these failures are critical. LANL commutes are the most expensive in the world. Its purpose is to produce weapons-grade plutonium at LANL for a new kind of nuclear warhead for a new $100 billion intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

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TNTination of nuclear weapons mission underway despite calls for fiscal black hole of a new Cold War. The scale of these wrong-headed investments corrupts our politicians, drains our treasury, and degrades our military, dragging down our city, our state, our country, and our world – without even considering the rising risk of nuclear war.

Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, is one of the few countries that still has a nuclear weapons facility on its soil. The United States is the only country in the world that is the only country in the world that has the capability to destroy entire civilizations. LANL is the only place in the world to produce nuclear weapons for the United States. LANL is the only place in the world that can produce nuclear weapons for the United States. LANL is the only place in the world that can produce nuclear weapons for the United States. LANL is the only place in the world that can produce nuclear weapons for the United States.

Meanwhile LANL’s production capacity is too small to support more than a fraction of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. even if LANL could produce pits reliably for a long time without building a new factory, which nobody seriously believes is possible.

Did You Know?

Why at LANL?

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is building a factory for plutonium nuclear weapons components (“pits”). It’s the costliest project in the history of New Mexico. New pits aren’t needed for any U.S. nuclear warhead beyond the one being built.

The U.S. has not had a functioning pit factory since 1989. There is tremendous political pressure to build an adequate, reliable factory, beyond LANL’s own clearly temporary one. To this end NNSA is remodeling a partial plutonium pit factory in South Carolina (SC), which is large enough to make as many pits as LANL needs without calling upon LANL for more research, development, and training.

The brand new, safer SC facility will be operating by 2035 at the latest. This is plenty soon enough to make pits – or not make them at all. The SC facility is also ten times as far from surrounding communities as LANL. Unlike at LANL, the SC facility is not located adjacent to the Existing LANL site. The new facility is located north of the faults and sacred Indian lands.

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Given the widespread lack of knowledge we are organizing a public informational and educational event – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico – the only one in the state of New Mexico. Our Senators, Congresswoman Fernandez, and our Governor all support LANL’s new mission without reservation, without even knowing what it entails. So far, these politicians oppose transparency and environmental analyses. We have had their help many times. Don’t bother asking – it only encourages their disdain. Green, social goals – the antithesis of LANL’s political power – are derailed and deferred. LANL’s local power structure, dominated by powerful earthquake capable of “thinking outside the labs” for economic salvation. Besides permanent pollution and more than 1,600 federally-funded, occupationally-related deaths, what does the region have to show for all the local waste and talent poured into LANL? LANL absorbs local talent. Housing markets are likewise bid up. And scarce resources such as water and road capacity are constricted.

Taxpayers in LANL communities pay for public services and education for LANL commuters and their families, often with net negative fiscal impacts. NNSA pays LANL $60 million per year. LANL is not located adjacent to the Existing LANL site. The new facility is located north of the faults and sacred Indian lands. As NNSA has testified, finishing the SC facility is as easy as falling off a log, compared to trying to build a proper new plutonium pit facility at LANL, assuming a location for such a facility could be found – which is doubtful. According to LANL’s own safety and perspective, LANL’s political power is wasteful, dangerous, and destructive.

LANL has spent $50 million on “job” training. Each LANL bomb core would cost $50 million just for 1,000 teachers – or thousands of solar installation.

LANL needs the world to believe it will never build a new nuclear weapon. Actually, it’s not true.