

NEWS RELEASE

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Los Alamos National Laboratory Still Polluting New Mexico

Trinity Nuclear Abolition (TNA) has organized another monthly prayer-action at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). On Tuesday, April 27, 2010, the peace vigil will be held in front of the main entrance sign at the corner of Diamond and West Jemez in Los Alamos, NM, from 7:00 am until 8:00 am. Past monthly prayer-actions were similar, but tomorrow's vigil is a direct response to the troubles discussed at today's open forum in Albuquerque regarding LANL's ongoing toxic pollution.

This will be the 35th prayer-action since the monthly vigils began in 2007. Some vigils are held on property controlled by LANL, others are held near White Rock, NM. Nuclear abolitionists come every month to publicly demonstrate against nuclearism, and security personnel threatened to have demonstrators arrested at least five times, but only once did LANL follow through with their threat to stop the vigil. Marcus Page says, "At the beginning they always told us they would arrest us if we didn't leave. They always backed down when we remained on alleged LANL property, except for the one time only two of us faithfully continued after business hours." On April 14, 2008, two members of TNA were arrested for praying at LANL in opposition to war taxes. Their cases have since been resolved. See the TNA website for more info (tna.lovarchy.org).

TNA is always nonviolent, peaceful and usually playful. The Christians in TNA believe that LANL employees commit local, federal and international crimes on-site in this territory rightfully belonging to Tewa pueblo peoples. TNA believes that loving enemies (rather than developing bombs) brings about the highest quality of security, and thereby calls for nuclear disarmament along with active rebuilding of a peaceful structures in the USA.

"Nuclearism* is one of the most significant social sins in America today," said one of the members of TNA. She continued, "Nuclearism has supplanted the peace that every spiritual tradition offers in the hearts of people and society at large."

** Nuclearism has been defined as a political philosophy advocating nuclear weapons and nuclear power for the purposes of maintaining of international stability between countries using high tech tools such as nuclear power and weapons. TNA denounces nuclearism because TNA is a spiritually grounded group that promotes peaceful disciplines and healthy ways of living in harmony with creation.*

TRINITY NUCLEAR ABOLITION

Trinity Nuclear Abolition (TNA) is a living organism whose tissues are people, and whose organs are spirits of health. The organism of TNA is motivated by sustainable systems of robust living free from nuclear weapons and human-made nuclear energy.

*TNA has five core values: **Direct Action**, **Nonviolence**, **Solidarity**, **Egalitarianism**, **Spiritual power***