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Los Alamos National Laboratory Kills Reference Man

This morning a group of peace activists held vigil beside the corpse of “Reference Man” in Los Alamos, NM. A white male adult (age 20-30), Reference Man is the model upon which “safe” radiation doses are calculated to set health standards for the nuclear industry. The funeral service was blocking the entrance to the Chemistry Metallurgy Research (CMR) parking area on Diamond Ave at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), where Reference Man met his untimely demise. LANL security personnel prohibited the peaceful vigil from continuing, bothered by the effigy of Reference Man.

The CMR building produces plutonium pits to be placed in nuclear weapons, so that the weapons will detonate the way they were designed. One of the mourners, Marcus Page, said, “I am nauseated by the illegality and the immorality of the CMR and the CMRR. Because the CMR builds weapons to vaporize human beings, LANL negates the value of Reference Man—there's NO POINT to Reference Man if your scientific and mechanical purpose is to totally kill REAL people.”

The peaceful presentation of the corpse of Reference Man at LANL's CMR was conducted by Trinity Nuclear Abolitionists (TNA), who claim that the nuclear weapons pit production inside the CMR violates treaties and international law, as well as common human decency. TNA wants to make sure that the CMR Replacement facility will never be built, and that the CMR ceases its illegal activities immediately. “We had hoped that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would adopt Reference Child and Reference Woman standards to be more effective in communicating the toxic dangers of nuclear weapons production, and thereby help prevent further advances in nuclear weapons. But now poor Reference Man will never have a family,” said TNA member Chelsea Collonge.

For More Information or to send condolences, see www.referenceman.wordpress.com

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