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Peace Vigil at LANL Denounces the CMR and Nuclearism

Trinity Nuclear Abolitionists (TNA) will hold their monthly vigil at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) on Monday May 17th from 7am to 8am. TNA is always peaceful and nonviolent. The vigil this month will be less than 10 people. Their purpose this month is to commemorate past nuclear weapons test explosions at the Nevada Test Site named Harkee, Tejon, Clarksmobile, Zinia, Rio Blanco 1, Rio Blanco 2, and Rio Blanco 3. Those nuclear blasts were detonated in 1963, 1968, 1972 and 1973. TNA complains that LANL is still infatuated with nuclear weapons production, as shown by the heavy workload of nuclear bomb pit production at the Chemistry Metallurgy Research (CMR) facility, as LANL continues to build a replacement for the current CMR facility. The location of this month's vigil is in front of the main sign at LANL, at the southwest corner of West Jemez & Diamond Drive.

This will be the 36th prayer-action at LANL since TNA began monthly vigils in 2007. TNA members believe that LANL's nuclear weapons work is a spiritual problem, needing a spiritual solution. "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 for communities."

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.

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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***