

3 Strikes Against Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)



Article VI of the U.S. Constitution

asserts that the Constitution and *“all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby.”*

The highest law of the land is to follow the United States Constitution and the U.S. government's treaties with other governments. In other words, international treaties are binding on the government, **its courts**, and the citizens of the USA. They are not just international law; **they are applicable to you**. Our National Labs (Sandia, Los Alamos, Livermore) are required to obey the law of the land. When LANL defies international treaties, the Constitution, and breaks other laws, the employees are culpable and are to be held accountable. **Police officers and courts are supposed to proceed with their duties against such law-breakers.**

The Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

of 1970 is violated every time LANL makes new plutonium pits. A large portion of LANL's budget is devoted to breaking the law, in the form of manufacturing plutonium pits, which are the core “triggers” of nuclear bombs, because making new cores means making new nuclear weapons. When the U.S. signed the NPT in 1968, LANL should have been shut down immediately, or converted to ONLY clean-up activities. The NPT imposes an obligation on parties in the Treaty to pursue, *“...effective measures relating to ... nuclear disarmament.”*

This means that the U.S. by law must eliminate nuclear weapons from the U.S. arsenal. To make new (and to maintain existing) nuclear weapons is to break the law.

The Nuremberg Charter (along with moral dignity, public concern, and biological mandate) requires average civilians in every country to take action to stop certain crimes. The Nuremberg Charter defines *“crimes against peace”* as preparations for wars of aggression or wars that violate international treaties, and *“crimes against humanity”* as *“inhumane acts committed against any civilian population.”* If any of us knows about these crimes we must act, even if it means to go against our employers or others trying to pull the individuals into criminal activity. Because LANL is plotting the destruction of millions by defiantly creating nuclear weapons that can wipe out entire populations of creatures, each person of conscience, employed or not by LANL should take action to stop any crimes they perceive happening near them.