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A new Department of Energy (DOE) order will undoubtedly weaken the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's oversight of the national laboratories and nuclear weapons sites along with risking the safety of workers and the public. This order will prevent the board from accessing sensitive information and restricts how the board staff can interact with officials at nuclear sites along with other changes. To read more link to http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/nuclear-safety-board-slams-energy-department-plan-to-weaken-oversight/article_3f04d808-2dd4-53eb-97a5-d1caad5ef8a5.html

Society of Professionals, Scientists, & Engineers Local 11, of the University Professional & Technical Employees (SPSE-UPTE) President Kevin Aguilar recently wrote "as my lungs burn from the global warming fires it's past time to mobilize" to press world leaders to adapt to climate change. For staff at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), one goal of mobilization is to convince these leaders to support development of climate friendly energy processes, including wind, solar, fusion and biofuels that our members are working on. Open the link to [[Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice in San Francisco](#)] for more on the September 8th march to press world leaders to offer our climate friendly technologies, not just platitudes, for adapting to climate change.

Gus Vallejo, President of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 21, writes that climate change is a union issue. Like SPSE-UPTE members at LLNL, the more than 11,000 scientists, engineers and climate professionals in his union work on policies to decrease climate change, study the effects of sea rise and work on energy efficiency and conservation. For more on the obligations IFPTE and SPSE-UPTE have to promote adaptation to climate change, read his brief article "[Climate Change is a Union Issue.](#)"

The LLNL Retirees lawsuit received a small victory. The ruling last November to decertify the retirees as a class has been overturned and they will be allowed to proceed as a class going forward. To read more link to http://www.independentnews.com/news/appeals-court-sides-with-llnl-retirees/article_74285a9c-9b55-11e8-9cc5-47fdf9f9fb9b.html

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