



Petition to Dr. George Miller, Director LLNL on Worker Health and Safety

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We, the undersigned members of the Skilled Trades Bargaining Unit at LLNL, hereby voice our continued concern with deteriorating health and safety standards at the laboratory. We believe management has failed to address our concerns, which we have brought to their attention at the bargaining table on numerous occasions. We believe it is management's responsibility to investigate, respond to, and resolve the concerns we have raised. We have made concrete suggestions for improving this situation including:

- representing employees at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- - Ensuring that preventative maintenance is done in a timely manner on all safety-related machinery
 - Limiting subcontracting so as to ensure that skilled, experienced, and trained employees are doing the skilled trades work
 - Hiring back laid-off skilled trades workers and replacing unit members that resign from the laboratory so as to limit the already burdensome workloads on existing employees
 - Restoring the minimum staffing levels required to manage emergencies, particularly after normal work hours, at both Site 300 and the main site

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We come to you because you have stated in the past that you care deeply about the safety of employees on the job. We distrust actions such as Steven Liedle's recent announcement of a beryllium "review" since it appears to be an attempt to shift responsibility for solving the contamination problem and for protecting employees into the future onto our backs. We ask that you take our concerns seriously, and ensure that conditions improve, for not only our safety, but the safety of the entire community.