

## **Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice in San Francisco**

**-LLNL Technologies, not Just Platitudes, Are Needed to Stop Wildfires**

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Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice in San Francisco at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Join thousands of workers - including skilled trades persons, scientists, engineers, teachers, business owners and environmentalists - to advocate for action by the world's governments to reverse climate change.

Rather than platitudes, the march will press world leaders for action. Many world leaders will be in San Francisco days after the march to attend Governor Jerry Brown's Global Climate Action Summit from Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Without more and better targeted actions, scientists agree that natural disasters, such as California's continuing wildfires, will become even more devastating.

Those of us who operate the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the United States Department of Energy, have a special role to play in a just transition from energy generation processes that emit greenhouse gases to climate friendly processes that don't. The Rise for Climate march builds public support for developing the energy technologies that make such a transition possible. We at LLNL are already developing many of these technologies, including those that generate energy from the wind, the sun, fusion and biofuels.

The [Rise for Climate flyer](#) describes more on the adverse consequences of climate change for all people, especially working people. As employees of a Department of Energy laboratory, we have a special responsibility for protecting American citizens from natural disasters - including ravaging fires, flooded homes and inundated power plants - which climate change has made worse.

To march for our climate with other union members, gather on Steuart and Market streets in San Francisco before 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for the large labor banner. To sign the Labor pledge to attend and bring others, visit the [pledge website](#). To RSVP for the Rise for Climate march, visit the [Rise for Climate website](#).

To march with other UPTe members, or for more information on the Rise for Climate movement, contact SPSE=UPTe leadership development coordinator Eileen Montano via e-mail at [spse@spse.org](mailto:spse@spse.org) or via phone at (925) 449-4846.