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Yucca Mountain: Let's Wear Our Laurels but Not Rest on Them

by Jim Haber

It's very important for activists to acknowledge and celebrate victories. They occur more than we tend to notice because concurrent struggles take our attention. Also--and this is the case with the recent victory stopping the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository--perceived victories are incessantly challenged either legally or by repackaging the problem for resale.

The recent application by the Obama administration's Dept. of Energy to withdraw the license application for the Yucca Mountain facility "with prejudice" is a real cause for celebration! Still, we must remain vigilant. At the "wake," which was graciously hosted by Jenna Morton at the Ghostbar in the Palms Hotel & Casino, the mood of the crowd and the featured speakers was upbeat and relieved. These were people who knew not to buy into earlier assurances that the project was dead in the water (or rather, the desert). Withdrawn "with prejudice" means that any new effort to place waste at Yucca Mountain will require an entirely new proposal and campaign. This wake seemed justified now, more than at other seemingly positive junctures, and it was a delightful party, complete with thematically named drinks like the "Yucca-tini" and wonderful t-shirts designed by artist Jim Day (see inset). People who hadn't been in touch for years were reunited, just as at any other wake.

Only a few sobering words were mentioned, but I was grateful for them, because they are important for us to keep in mind. First, there are a few legal challenges being filed by utilities and states (other than Nevada) because they want to get rid of their "spent" nuclear fuel, and the government promised them something like Yucca Mountain. Our sources don't think these challenges have much chance of success, but we must not take that for granted. Second, there is still the problem of the existing waste, and the scary, zombie-like specter of a resurgence of nuclear power as a source of a clean, carbon-free energy. Nuclear power is not clean and is certainly not safe.

And mixed-level nuclear waste from military sources is still coming into the Nevada Test Site for disposal. For scale, nothing rivals the US military for the pollution it causes or the climate changing and genotoxic chemicals it releases.

Let's take this uplifting moment and let it propel our dedication and attention onward, together.



T-Shirt design by Jim Day

[full report and more at <http://trivalleycares.org>. -ed.]

The National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) is the semi-independent agency within Department of Energy (DOE) that maintains US nuclear weapons. President Obama's proposed 2011 budget for the DOE requests a 14 percent increase over 2010 for NNSA's [Nuclear] Weapons Activities, the largest ever submitted in the Nuclear Age. The total includes large increases for research and development in nuclear weapons science and technology including the construction of new physical plants for the production of plutonium and highly enriched uranium parts for nuclear weapons. The Budget Request says it would provide funding "necessary to protect and advance the scientific capabilities at the US national security laboratories — including the ability to design nuclear warheads." As Civiak observes, "The Budget itself reveals that the Obama Administration plans to incorporate the weapons modifications planned under the legislatively defeated Reliable Replacement Warhead program into the existing 'Life Extension Program.' That program was established to refurbish warheads, without modifying nuclear components or adding new capabilities, but it is now morphing into a full-fledged effort to redesign and upgrade US nuclear weapons."

The total request for five campaigns aimed at expanding the science and technology base in support of nuclear weapons is \$1.716 B, an increase of \$145 M over 2010. "Advanced Certification" activity is slated to quadruple funding to \$77M

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You Call That a Disarmament Budget?

by MaryAnne Coyle with Jim Haber

[Much of this article is based on a recent report by noted physicist, Dr. Robert Civiak: "Enhancing Nuclear Weapons Research And Production To Support Disarmament?—An Analysis of the US Department Of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for Nuclear Weapons Activities." Dr. Civiak is a former Program Examiner for DOE nuclear security activities at the White House Office of Management and Budget. The report, prepared for NDE ally Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment) based in Livermore, CA, is dated February 22, 2010 and was published in their Citizen's Watch Newsletter Winter 2010. NDE is constantly grateful for the research and dedication of Tri-Valley CAREs and encourage Desert Voices readers to read the full report and more at <http://trivalleycares.org>. -ed.]

The verdict is not guilty

Waihopai Ploughshares trial helped uncover secrets

Adrian Leason, Father Peter Murnane and Sam Land – the three men who were charged with intentional damage and unlawful entry at Waihopai spy base in New Zealand – were found not guilty by a jury even though they never tried to hide what they did. In April, 2008, they deflated one of the top secret base's satellite dish domes. On March 17, 2010 they were acquitted.

At the conclusion of the trial, Father Peter, Sam and Adrian said they feel privileged to have helped uncover the true nature of the spy base. "Our actions in disabling the spy base and stopping the flow of information helped save lives in Iraq," added Adrian. "We did not try to avoid the consequences of our actions, because we respect the rule of law although we do believe we are ultimately accountable to a higher authority. We damaged property at the spy base in order to save victims of war and torture. It's all about Jesus' command for us to treat all people as our brothers and sisters," said Father Peter.

Waihopai Echelon spy base is New Zealand's largest contribution to the US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq. "Evidence presented in the court confirmed that the ongoing war in Iraq is illegal, and causing massive human suffering," said Adrian. "As an outcome of this trial, we hope that New Zealanders will insist on an inquiry into the activities of the spy base and its links to US-led illegal wars." Commenting at the conclusion of the trial, Graham Bidois Cameron, Waihopai Ploughshares media spokesperson, said this Ploughshares action is part of an ongoing tradition: "The practice of non-violent resistance and direct action in the cause of peace has a long history in this country - the peaceful resistance to the invasion of Parihaka, and non-violent direct action against nuclear armed warships entering our harbours being just two examples," he said.

"The actions of Waihopai Ploughshares also need to be understood in relation to an international movement for disarmament and peace," said lawyer Moana Cole, herself a Ploughshares activist. "Adrian, Sam and Father Peter are part of rich history of activism in support of those without a voice and the movement is certainly growing." For more information the Waihopai Contact is Graham Bidois Cameron, email <bidoiscameron@paradise.net.nz>.

At Vandenberg, No Pretense of Defending Free Speech

NDE has long joined peace actions at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) in making the connections between nuclear weapons, their delivery systems and how nukes under-gird a militarist approach to foreign affairs. Also, the use of satellites to conduct ongoing warfare is causing widespread death and destruction. Satellites are launched from VAFB near Lompoc, California, and data is processed there as well. Missile tests and anti-missile tests—both of which are provocative and obstruct the world from moving towards disarmament—are being protested, or rather "anti-tested" all over the world. Recently, letters of support have been carried to actions at Vandenberg from Japanese,

Marshalese and Russian groups. Bellicose rhetoric from the preeminent nuclear power, the United States, in relation to Iranian and North Korean nuclear and missile programs make US missile and anti-missile tests especially hypocritical.

NDE staffer Megan Rice and NDE co-founder Louis Vitale have a Sept. 23 trial date for a VAFB action from August, 2009. International attention to the uniquely provocative activities in the Ronald Reagan Missile Test Range, which extends across the Pacific Ocean from VAFB to Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, is strengthening local anti-nuclear efforts and resolve.



Dennis Apel being arrested outside of VAFB on October 3.

-Photo by Mike Wisniewski

From MacGregor Eddy's blog:

Dennis Apel and Jorge Manley-Gil of the Catholic Worker and MacGregor Eddy of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be arraigned on April 15 in Santa Barbara, about an hour from [VAFB]. The citations are for the February 3 peace vigil that was in the designated protest area in the concurrent jurisdiction on highway 1 in front of the base.

The March 3 demonstration was interesting. The chief of public affairs for the base, Jeremy Eggers, was present wearing a suit and tie. No one was asked to present ID. Those who the MP's recognized were given two minutes to leave for violating the "ban and bar" order. The ban and bar is a military order issued by base commandant Col. David Buck and includes the concurrent jurisdiction area in the designated protest area. No one crossed the green line. After the two minutes my self (MacGregor Eddy) Dennis Apel, Fr. Steve Kelly and Jorge Manly-Gil were all detained and taken inside the visitor center because it was raining. We were given another citation for trespassing and released. The MP's approached Bud Boothe but kept delaying his detention. The MP's wanted him to sign some paper, and when he refused, they went away to get a dry copy of the paper. They took so long that Bud left. The MP Jennifer Lewis of the investigations department called him Mr. Boothe and treated him with respect. To me the procrastination seemed to reflect an effort by the base to avoid his detention. None of the rest of us were given any paper to sign.

Vandenberg cases take a long time because a judge from the federal court in Los Angeles only goes to Santa Barbara on third Thursdays, monthly. A jury trial would take place in Los Angeles, but direct action cases at VAFB haven't even been arraigned, much less gone to trial.

The next monthly Vandenberg vigil will be Wednesday April 7 at 4pm at the front gate of Vandenberg AFB. To keep up to date on tests, actions and cases at Vandenberg, visit <<http://vandenbergprotest-macgregor.blogspot.com>>.

DAY (IN COURT) MAKES !

Fr. Louis Vitale At Ease in Prison Again

One of NDE's most beloved spiritual and action-taking motivators, Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM, was sentenced to 6 months in prison for his third action of conscience at Ft. Benning, Georgia's Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas, or (un)popularly as the School of Assassins. For more about the atrocities conducted by the foreign graduates of this US Army terrorist (or euphemistically, counter-insurgency) training camp, visit the School of the Americas Watch website <www.soa.org>.

Louis is currently in a US penitentiary in Atlanta awaiting transfer to one of the federal facilities in Lompoc, CA. Already in his third facility in this incarceration stint, he's looking forward to settling down. Louis expects to be released July 26.

On March 17 a letter arrived from him dated March 12. Enjoy:



Fr. Louis shortly before entering Ft. Benning in November, 2009.

-Photo courtesy of School of the Americas Watch.

Greetings from the US Penitentiary where this penitent is spending Lent 2010.

Dear Friends and readers of *Desert Voices*,

There are many deserts and many voices in our society. I have learned from Corbin Harney to hear the call of the Nevada desert to resist the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants (people and other creatures) by nuclear weapons. I spent my first federal prison tour at the federal camp at Nellis AFB (in 2001-2002) adjacent to the NTS as planes left to bomb Afghanistan. Now the desert sounds guide drones on more deadly massacres (mostly civilians, including children). Within these prison walls in Georgia, I'll hear the other side, the effect of a horribly misguided economy that has spent \$1 trillion on this war and also on prisons while the poor schools, jobs and social services fill prisons and armies with those who fall through the cracks with no money or resources to overcome the obstacles. Thank God for what we learn from our NDE *Desert Voices*. It guides us to resist war, torture, injustice and to create a better world. Thank you for joining us. Peace and good.

-Friar Louis



Court Cases Revived from 2009 Ground the Drones Action

During the Sacred Peace Walk in 2009, DV readers may remember, there was a simultaneous 10 day vigil at Creech Air Force Base. When the walkers reached Indian Springs and joined the vigil that Thursday afternoon in April, the first civil resistance arrests against the operation of armed, hunter-killer remotely piloted air systems (namely the Reaper and Predator) occurred



Photo of a group of walkers and vigilers by Jeff Leys.

in the United States. The action was dubbed the "Ground the Drones Lest We Reap the Whirlwind."

Fourteen people were arrested and each one spent a day or two in custody for crossing the line at the main gate of the base. The group included veteran Plowshares activists like Steve Kelly, Kathy Kelly, Louis Vitale, Brian Terrell and Eve Tetaz as well as first-timers like Mariah Klusmire and Judy Homanich. The group was accepting of the consequences of their action, but just prior to arraignment, the government decided not to proceed to trial, but retained the ability to press charges for up to a year. In January, though none of the defendants seemed to have received formal notice, the Ground the Drones 14 were expected to enter pleas on March 8. They learned of the arraignment by chance when their then-lawyer Stephanie Kice noticed it on the court's calendar when she was there for another case of Louis'.

The group decided to proceed together. Their cases consolidated, a trial date was set for July 13. Unfortunately, Fr. Louis will almost assuredly still be in prison for his SOA arrest (see article opposite). The group intends to ask for a continuance so they can proceed without isolating him in the process.

While NDE has contact with some excellent concerned lawyers in Nevada, none are eager or able to take up activist, civil resistance cases like these. Pray for and send NDE leads of potential legal help in Nevada.

Out of the arrests on other dates at Creech, only one case remains pending, for an arrest of Megan Rice outside of the base during a July vigil. Look to *Desert Voices* for updates.

Martin L. King, Jr. B'day Parade

NDE and Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service organized a contingent of about 25 marchers for this year's Las Vegas parade celebrating MLK's birthday in January. Our group stood out in many ways, not least of which was our sound system playing excerpts of the late preacher and activist (rather than music or other speeches), and our handouts featuring notable quotes of his (rather than commercial goods or promos not even mentioning him). Response was very positive, even grateful. Ideas for next year's event have already been discussed.



PLC at LANL Stands Against CMRR

With a headline like that, a few definitions are in order: PLC is the Pacific Life Community, a network of spiritually charged anti-nuclear activists, of which NDE is a part. NDE hosted an earlier PLC gathering in Indian Springs three years ago. LANL is the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, the direct action focus of this year's PLC retreat, which was held the last weekend of February. CMRR is the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Facility Replacement, a proposed, huge enlargement of the government's ability to replace and upgrade existing plutonium "pits" in nuclear weapons at a much faster rate. CMRR

figured prominently in Robert Civiak's critique of the proposed 2011 DOE budget for nuclear weapons (See "Budget" article, this issue.)

PLC members stood with signs decrying the contradiction between the goal of disarmament with the proposed replacement and enlargement of facilities for nuclear weapons production. Then many of the activists walked to the existing CMR, knelt and prayed as snow came down. Circumnavigating the building was a tactical success since the official protest areas are precisely delineated. Security personnel realized that since other pedestrians can walk near the CMR, they had to relent. The action was totally peaceful and empowering, with no arrests.

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Gene Stoltzfus (1940 to 2010) *Participant in the Symphony of Peacemaking*

Gene Stoltzfus completed his last essay on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, just before he headed out on his beloved motor-assisted bicycle on the first spring day of the year. He picked up his US mail in International Falls, MN. Then on his return journey, less than a kilometer from home in Ft. Frances, ON, his heart stopped. Please feel free to leave comments after this post on his blogsite: <http://peaceprobe.wordpress.com>. For more background on Gene's life and updates on his memorial services, see: <http://www.cpt.org>. Gene Stoltzfus, 1940-2010, Presente!

-Phil Stoltzfus, Gene's nephew

-Dorothy Friesen, Gene's wife

Dorothy told me that on the top of his computer's desktop was the web page for the Nevada Desert Experience's upcoming Sacred Peace Walk that Gene was planning to join from March 29 to April 5. Gene was going to spend a month walking some and continuing to help out for a while. In April, 2009, Gene joined NDE and other activists at Creech AFB for the "Ground the Drones Lest We Reap the Whirlwind" vigil, the first direct action in the United States against the drones. Creech is home to the 432nd Squadron, headquarters of the Air Force's drones. I was really looking forward to getting to spend more time with Gene soon. I'll miss him, but will continue to be inspired by him. What is remembered lives.

-Jim Haber, NDE Coordinator

What sad and tragic news! What an amazing, beautiful and powerful life! Blessed are the Peacemakers! And what a peacemaker Gene has been for close to 70 years! Gene and I last talked one week ago when I was trying to decide whether to go to trial for my arrest in protesting the Drones at the Creech Air Force Base near Las Vegas where we were both arrested last September. Gene's advice then as always was VERY HELPFUL! Gene encouraged me to call him anytime when discerning big questions like this. Unfortunately, it will be harder to get Gene's advice on future projects unless I tune in very well. Gene had hoped to go back to Pakistan to explore further what role the peace movement could take to help prevent further escalation of the Afghanistan war into Pakistan. I trust that many of us will continue the good and hard work where Gene left off.

The world is truly blessed by Gene's life and powerful nonviolent witness. He truly followed the Light or God's leading every step of the way. We will miss you Gene. Thank you for your beautiful life. In Peace, Presente.

-David Hartsough, Friend

Interns and NDE

Win, Win: Thanks, Thanks

by Ariel Bibby and Ana Easterling

You might have heard from us recently, as we have been contacting many people about whether they would like to continue receiving Desert Voices. In case you wondered a little about the people behind those dulcet phone voices and charming postcards, we decided to take a few moments to introduce ourselves and let Desert Voices readers know a little bit about who we are and what we have been doing here at NDE.

Ariel is from Massachusetts and Ana is from Utah. We met while we were at college in New York City, graduated in May 2009, and had just gotten weary of traveling when Ana saw the "help wanted" notice in the December 2009 issue of Desert Voices and convinced Ariel to come along.

Ana has been involved in the peace movement since her dear, responsible Quaker parents carried her along to protest the Nevada Test Site at the age of 18 months. She is pleased to report no noticeable mutations. Her activism developed through organizing student campaigns to save green playground space around her elementary schools, to walking out of class sophomore year with a group of her peers to pray, sing, dance, yell and ultimately brave their first arrests for peace on Logan High School quad. The Iraq War continued and the playground and

empty lots were turned into buildings, but her lasting belief in social change led her to join the Intercultural House and concentrate in Ethnic Studies in college, and made an internship with Nevada Desert Experience a natural choice.

Ariel did not have extensive prior experience as a peace activist, but she's a fast learner. She took part in her first peace vigil in Logan, Utah, in June 2009, and has further developed her vigiling prowess here at NDE. Having majored in US history as an undergraduate, she was anxious to put her writing and research skills to good use while simultaneously exploring the topics of war and nuclear armaments in the United States beyond what she had been taught at school. She will also be attending law school in the near future, and has enjoyed learning about the legal aspects of nuclear policies in the United States and abroad. Since arriving at NDE headquarters almost two months ago she has quickly acclimated to the fast-paced, exciting atmosphere at the most active anti-war group in Nevada. She's been turned on to all sorts of important issues, and, most important, has gotten quite good at flashing the peace sign.

Our main task while at NDE has been updating the database and cutting the mailing list down to a manageable and effective length. If you got a postcard with a cute little frog saying "No Nukes!" that was from us. We're finishing up our first thousand as this goes to print, so for the next three thousand don't worry—we'll call you too if you haven't gotten in touch with NDE since Ana and Ariel were in high school. We've both enjoyed hearing from NDE supporters across the country; thanks for your encouragement and prayers! Feeling slightly guilty for eating more in a month than Jim and Sister Megan seem to eat in a year, we jumped into fundraising and helped Jim put together three new grant proposals, before their deadlines! We've gotten to attend local events—vigils, film screenings, and a party or two—and have held some of our own. In the weeks leading up to the Sacred Peace Walk, much of our energy is focused on making sure that event goes well for all its participants. If you're coming on the walk, or even just stopping in at one or two of the ceremonies that will take place on the walk, be sure to say hello to us! We hope to see you all there.

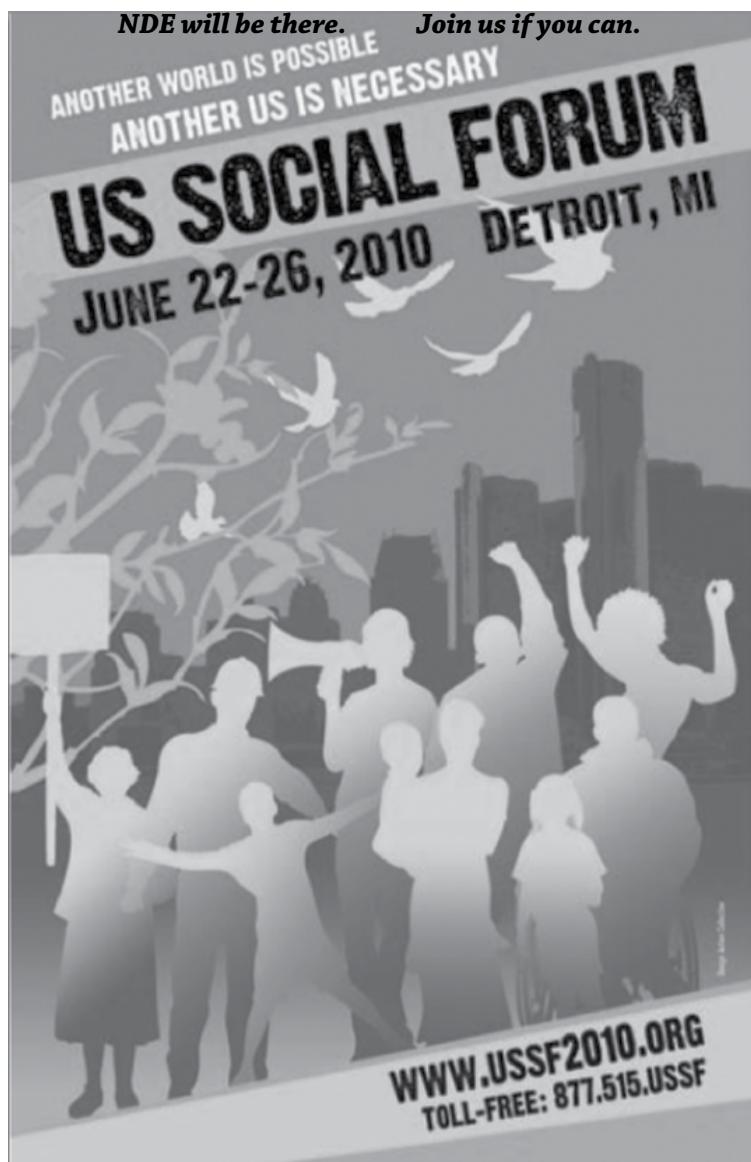
We'll be moving on to sunny beaches sometime in April, but highly recommend the NDE internship program to anyone with some free time and an interest in saving the world. Living in the cozy Pace e Bene or NDE house, sharing home-cooked meals and exploring the impressive desert landscapes and neon culture of Las Vegas, you will learn hands-on how a faith-based group works to abolish nuclear weapons, meet all the best people in Las Vegas and beyond—and even after all our hard work there is still lots to be done.

Peace!

Addendum of Gratitude from the coordinator:

As NDE Coordinator, I want to thank both Ana and Ariel, as well as the third intern who has been here since early February, MaryAnne Coyle. All of them have imbued the life of the house and office with new perspectives and energy. Long-overdue projects have received attention, and whatever sense of isolation can exist for a small peace group in a city of two million, it is lessened when people come to live and work with us for a time. If you truly move on later in April, I look forward to staying in touch and wish you all the best. Thanks again.

-Jim



NDE will be there. Join us if you can.



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Even if you can't get to New York, there are a number of important actions you can take in your own community, wherever you live, to support our efforts for a peaceful and just world free from the threat of nuclear disaster.

1) YOU can help by contacting local officials, such as your City Council or Boards of Select-persons or Alderpersons and asking them to pass the resolution calling for a nuclear weapons-free world.

2) YOU can support the Mayors for Peace "Cities Are Not Targets" recruitment drive by enrolling your mayor in Mayors for Peace. As of March 1, Mayors for Peace had 3,680 members in 135 countries and regions; 156 in the US Is your mayor one of them? Help Mayors for Peace reach 5,000 members by May! Click here.

3) YOU can join the millions around the world who are signing petitions for abolition of nuclear weapons to be delivered to the White House and the United Nations at the time of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in May.

**For info on the NPT activities and ways to take action:
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to develop tools to certify that changes to the nuclear package of existing nuclear weapons can be introduced into the weapons stockpile without problems. The Readiness Campaign develops new production technologies for manufacturing non-nuclear components, including tritium. The Budget requests \$50.1 M in 2011 for Tritium Readiness. Cuts in the nuclear stockpile have added more than twenty years to NNSA's already substantial inventory of tritium.

Large infrastructure outlays include the design and construction of a Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Facility Replacement (CMRR) at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) at the Y-12 facility in Oak Ridge, TN. If the US were to come close to following its obligations under the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) the old buildings would be closed, not replaced.

More than half of the increase for Weapons Activities is allocated to Directed Stockpile Work, including a \$649M request for Stockpile Systems and Services to fund maintenance and upgrades of warheads in the current stockpile. The largest increase in Stockpile Services is a boost of \$48.4 M (34%) for Plutonium Sustainment, which supports the manufacture of plutonium parts.

Civiak notes, "The 2011 request for Weapons Dismantlement and Disposition is \$58.0 M; \$38.1 M (39.6%) below the FY 2010 level. The decrease reflects NNSA's plan to reduce the pace of dismantlements from the current rate of roughly 300 nuclear weapons per year...This sends the wrong signal to US allies and foes regarding our obligations to achieve irreversible disarmament pursuant to the Non-Proliferation Treaty."

As far as funding for activities at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), it is one of the facilities with a proposed overall budget reduction of 6%, but don't be fooled. The NNSA's Nevada Site Office has been working to "rebrand" it as developing homeland security tools and the training of first responders. Still, as Civiak continues, "There is a \$42.5 M boost (26%), to \$209.1 M, in R & D. All of those increases are part of a concerted effort to prepare for introducing new and modified weapons primaries into the stockpile without underground testing." One reason the government may try to keep the NTS budget down is to reduce the perception that it is violating the NPT by upgrading the US nuclear weapons arsenal. NDE will continue to bring attention to US nuclear weapons developments until it is clear that the people are not fooled. The United States led the way into this mess, and it needs to lead the way out, but it needs us to give it a push start and then help it keep its eyes on the road.

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Ground the Drones Protest

**May 18 and 19
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**A Communal Pilgrimage to
America's Nuclear Sacrifice Zone**
2010 Annual Sacred Peace Walk
Las Vegas to the Nevada Test Site
March 29 to April 5, 60 miles

We walk in the footsteps of a long legacy of peace walkers and spiritual leaders to draw attention to the nuclear dangers that continue to threaten our sacred planet and the community of life.

We come to heal this, the most bombed place on Earth.

It's not too late to sponsor a walker!

Nevada Desert Experience continues to welcome all willing participants regardless of their financial means. To help NDE take care of our walkers, consider sponsorships: 25¢/mile=\$15; 50¢/mile=\$30; \$1/mile=\$60.

Donations in support of the Sacred Peace Walk are particularly helpful now.

The generosity of our supporters during the holiday season goes a long way to keeping NDE viable for the rest of the year, but it isn't enough on its own.

Monthly or quarterly supporters, our "Friends of the Desert" really make a difference come Summer and Autumn.

<http://nevadadesertexperience.org/involved/pwdonate.htm>

Schedule Includes (check website or call for updates and details):

- **Orientation and Passover (Peace-over) Seder**, Las Vegas, 3/29
- **Dedication of the Walk**, MLK Statue at Carey and MLK Blvds, in LV, 8:00 am
- **Walk to Creech AFB**, Indian Springs, 3/30 to 4/1
- **Ritual for Peace and Healing**, Sekhmet Temple, Cactus Springs, 4/1, 7:30 pm
- **Good Friday "No More Victims" Stations of the Cross**, Creech AFB, 4/2, 10 am
- **Devotional Chanting with T.Thorn Coyle and Josh Levin**, Indian Springs Community Center, 4/2, 7:00 pm
- **Walk to Peace Camp**, Nevada Test Site, 4/3
- **Western Shoshone Sunrise Ceremony**, Peace Camp, 4/4, pre-dawn
- **Easter Mass and MLK Memorial**, at the gate to the Nevada Test Site, 4/4, 10 am
- Potential Weekday Civil Resistance at NTS or Creech, 4/5

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