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GRASSROOTS WATCHDOG GROUPS HEAD TO CAPITOL HILL TO STOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUDGET “TRILLION DOLLAR TRAINWRECK”-- REPORT SEEKS BIG CUTS IN WARHEAD MODERNIZATION AND BOMB PLANTS; DIVERTING SAVINGS TO CLEANUP AND WEAPONS DISMANTLEMENT

Dozens of community leaders from around the country will visit Washington, DC April 18 - 20 to oppose what they call “out-of-control” U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons projects that accelerate wasteful spending, increase proliferation risks, and generate radioactive contamination. The group will meet with leading members of Congress, committee staffers, and administration officials responsible for U. S. nuclear policies to press for new priorities.

Activists from nearly a dozen states are participating in the 28th annual Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) "DC Days." They will deliver copies of ANA's new report, *Trillion Dollar Trainwreck* (bit.ly/trilliondollartrainwreck), which dissects the Obama Administration's latest plans to spend more than a trillion dollars over the next 30 years on the U.S. nuclear arsenal including massive amounts on Life Extension Programs (LEPs), new production facilities, and other projects at DOE sites. According to the 20-page analysis, “Most of them are completely unnecessary for national security. All of them are mismanaged, behind schedule, and wildly over budget.” ANA members will urge policymakers to redirect the money saved by cutting these programs to speeding up warhead dismantlement and cleaning up the legacy of nuclear weapons research, testing and production.

ANA is a network of local, regional and national organizations representing the concerns of communities downwind and downstream from U.S. nuclear weapons research, production and waste disposal sites. DC Days participants include activists from groups that monitor such U.S. nuclear weapons facilities as Hanford, Lawrence Livermore, Rocky Flats, Los Alamos, Kansas City Plant, Pantex, Sandia, Oak Ridge, Savannah River and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

As part of its DC Days, ANA will sponsor an Awards Reception honoring leaders of the movement for responsible nuclear policies on Tuesday evening, April 19. Honorees include U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Representative Adam Smith, Los Alamos whistleblower Chuck Montano, and anti-nuclear reactor organizer Kay Cumbow: The event will take place in Room 902 of the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.