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**Press Conference with
National Laboratory Employees**

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**HOMELAND SECURITY THREATENED- AS THE LOSS OF THE UC CONTRACT
DISTRACTS & DISMAYS NUCLEAR WEAPONS WORKERS**

Employees at the UC Labs want the Department of Energy to end the speculation, the uncertainty, and the anxiety for the nation's nuclear workers. On the brink of war, the nation's nuclear weapon workers at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, as well as the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory which does not do weapons work, find their jobs threatened as the Department of Energy ponders whether or not the University of California is the best choice to manage the Labs.

As war looms, the already nervous workforce, reeling from revelations of waste, fraud, and abuse in addition to the management cover-ups worry that their mission in nuclear weapons is jeopardized if they can't concentrate in the climate of uncertainty enveloping these labs.

The employees view their unique task of stewardship of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile as critical to national security. These are the same workers that design the nation's nuclear weapons and could disarm nuclear weapons that fall into the wrong hands. Homeland Security is more threatened if employees are unable to focus on the war effort because they are worried about who will be their boss. To the Labs employees, job security = Homeland security.

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