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Press Release

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Files Unfair Labor Practice Charge against Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Skilled Trades Workers to Picket

On Friday August 29, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) officially charged that the private company that runs Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has violated federal labor law by failing to negotiate layoffs of skilled trades unit employees and refusing to provide the union with information requested for the purpose of negotiating a first contract.

This unprecedented action taken by the NLRB reinforces the workers allegations that the layoffs of bargaining unit members were illegal. The charge finds Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), a Delaware company, in violation of sections of the National Labor Relations Act for proceeding with the layoff despite the union's demand to bargain the decision.

Workers recently organized with the Society of Professionals, Scientists, and Engineers/University Professional and Technical Employees (SPSE-UPTE) to bring management to the bargaining table and address issues affecting the LLNL community. Workers have especially been raising concerns that the layoffs and other decisions by management impact the health and safety of the workforce and of surrounding residents.

Workers will set up the informational picket line on Tuesday, September 9, at 3:30 pm, near the West Gate of the lab on Vasco Road, to protest the layoffs, and inform the public of the illegal activities of LLNS management.

“By the NLRB taking this action, it should prove to the community that LLNL management does not have their best interests in mind, nor do they care about the way the cutbacks have affected all of our health and safety,” said Rob Swanson, a boiler mechanic at the laboratory.

For information and interviews, call the contact numbers above.

Who: SPSE-UPTE, representing workers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

What: Informational Picket

When: Tuesday, September 9th at 3:30 pm

Where: LLNL's West Gate on Vasco Road