

"A central requirement of medicine . . . is: 'First do no harm.' That applies with equal force to agencies like the Department of Energy, whose operations affect the public health."

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For more than 40 years, nuclear weapons have been built in secret. In the United States and other nations, the factories and facilities that design, produce, assemble and transport nuclear weapons and their components have operated away from public scrutiny and without independent oversight.

Now, the truth is leaking out. For decades these plants have handled radioactive and toxic materials unsafely, with deliberate disregard for health and environmental consequences. To produce thousands of nuclear warheads -- along with the plutonium, tritium and other radioactive materials that fuel them -- the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors have risked the health and safety of their own workers and neighboring communities. As a result, nuclear bomb factories have contaminated the environment and poisoned employees, endangering citizens in the name of protecting them.

