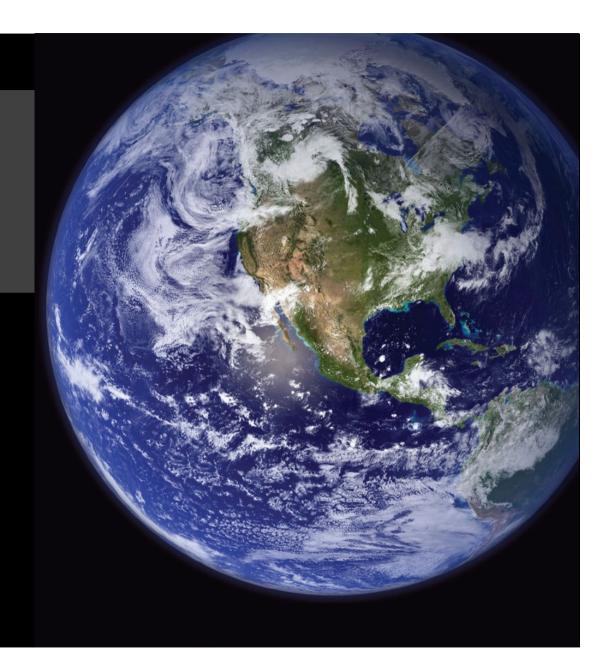
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## **Science** in service of people and the planet



## **Courage** to take principled, science-based stands in the public arena

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# Integrity to always examine evidence critically, openly, and honestly





Action inspiring and mobilizing people to build a healthier, safer, and more just world

Ending our reliance on nuclear weapons as an essential element to our security policy, repairing the injustice and harms done by nuclear weapons, and moving toward a world free from nuclear weapons.

#### **5 Year Goal**

1. The US reduces the risks of nuclear war and moves toward a world free from nuclear weapons by:

- updating outdated nuclear policies
- addressing the risks of emerging technologies
- preventing new nuclear arms races
- maintaining an environment where future international arms control agreements are still possible
- building constructive pathways to international dialogue, especially between the US and China

#### **5 Year Goal**

2. As decision-makers increasingly reckon with the unacceptable economic, security, and human costs of developing, producing, and using nuclear weapons as a key component of US and global security, communities harmed by US nuclear weapons are compensated and supported with healthcare and environmental remediation efforts.

#### **5 Year Goal**

3. Diverse and inclusive voices become critical and influential stakeholders in US nuclear weapons decision-making; are strengthened by increased scientific and technical capacity; and drive growth in the number, commitment, and activity of Congressional champions.

#### **Science in Focus for FY24**

Evaluating Plutonium Pit Production Plan
Nuclear Weapons Impacts
US/China Security

#### **Science & Equity**

Work with communities near Hanford
Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
Pit production sites

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