



Scientists Sue Caltech, Commerce Dept., and NASA Over Security Rules

A group of 28 scientists and other employees at the Jet Propulsion Lab run by the California Institute of Technology filed a class action lawsuit against Caltech, the Department of Commerce, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Aug. 30, 2007, in opposition to new security requirements. The scientists say the requirements to submit to questions regarding their loyalty and sexual orientation and to probes of their neighbors violate their constitutional rights. The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District for California in Los Angeles. The scientists have set up a Web site to advance their cause. On it they call the requirements "unfair, unethical and illegal." **Link:** <http://hspd12jpl.org>.