

# Communiqué

## Winchell Talks to LASO

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At an All Hands meeting Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, Site Office Manager Don Winchell told folks he appreciates what they are doing to make the new office building a professional work environment.



saying that the final decision on how it will work is his to make.

He ended his remarks by telling folks he will be scheduling small group meetings with each organization to make sure folks are in the loop on what's happening at LASO.

"I would like to be as open as I can be with you," Winchell said.



In appreciation of the work being done by LASO staff he handed out a number of recognition awards.

"I would like to recognize the following staff who provided expertise in support of the new

LASO Building project," Winchell said.

He then turned the meeting over to Dean Decker, who talked to folks about worker safety, John Fredlund, who talked about medical emergencies, and Bill Gentile, who told folks about the building emergency plan.



Winchell took back the meeting and talked a little about the LASO oversight metrics and then went on to talk about staffing levels. He said he expects LASO will have 13 new people on board by the end of the year.

He also talked to the issue of incentive pay

Pictured above: L-R Back Row — Rudy Pino, Ralph Garcia, Lee Le Doux, Mark Delgado, Don Winchell, Les Purvis, Dean Decker, Russell Kirkpatrick, Barry Friedman, Jerry Masee, Laz Vigil

L-R Front Row — Diane Menapace, Marie Griego, Bill Gentile,

Not pictured Jeanne Bohan and Ron McMahan.



# Acknowledgements



*Art Trujillo was given an award for his exemplary contributions to the Facility Representatives program and his work on the Radiological Assistance Program*



*Jeff Williams received Secretarial recognition for his electrical safety contributions to the DOE*



*Yolanda Alarid (above), and Rudy Pino (left), were recognized for their part in the LASO move*



*Isaac Valdez was recognized by President Bush and the Department for his voluntary service to the community under the Presidents' Service to America program*



*Sophia Calabaza (left) and Imelda Maez received awards for their help with the interior design of the new LASO building*



*Mark Delgado was given an award for his work on the LASO Continuing Development Program*



*Ted Wald received his technical qualification certification in quality assurance*



*Bonni Wethington was thanked for her work with the Employee Concern Program*



## We've Moved!



The Los Alamos Site Office staff has moved into their new office building.

The new building is located in Technical Area 3, Building 1410 at Los Alamos National Laboratory, 3747 West Jemez Road, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The move was completed Jul. 30<sup>th</sup> with the Site Office Manager's staff making the final move from the old to

the new building. Folks unpacked, waited for office chairs to arrive, worked, and began getting their bearings of where others were located.

The new building is home to most of the LASO staff. Some of the Envi-

ronmental and Field Operations folks' offices are located in other buildings within walking distance to the Site Office.

An official open house is in the works for the near future.



**Gene Turner tries to figure out what to move next**

## Another Successful Blood Drive

Even with the move to the new building, the LASO Blood Drive was a success! Donors contributed a total of 13 units.



**Bonita Eichorst, LASO's blood drive coordinator.**

"While our goal was 18 units, we are still pleased with the success of this drive." said Bonita

"Getting the word out about LASO blood drives aided in getting a number of walk-ins this time," Eichorst said. "Without the walk-in traffic, we would not have had the success we had - so keep spreading the word!"

United Blood Services NM is the community blood supplier for more than 42 hospitals in NM and the Four Corners Area. It takes approximately 320

units every day to ensure that they have enough blood for our hospitals and the patients they serve. This year alone, as many as five million patients across the United States will require blood transfusions.

The drawing for the gas card has not taken place yet.

Thanks to all who participated!!!!!!



**LANL's Sammi Owens a Manufacturing Manager at PMT-1 gives to help others**

## Administrator D'Agostino Visits LASO

On Aug. 11th, during a trip to LANL for a celebration honoring retiring New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici, NNSA Administrator Tom D'Agostino, took time from his



LASO is recognized for.

D'Agostino told employees, "LASO has the toughest job in the complex." He thanked them for sticking to NNSA's mission and getting the tough job done in the face of huge challenges.

what our path forward will be. NNSA is heavily invested in a couple of important projects, Complex Transformation and CMRR, and those projects are the very subject of some of those discussions.

Before taking questions from the floor, the Administrator explained that as a political appointee the upcoming Presidential election will place him in a



*D'Agostino listens to Dennis Hjeresen of the LANL Risk Reduction Office during a Pollution Prevention Awards ceremony in the J. Robert Oppenheimer Study Center Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.*

schedule to tour the new LASO building and visit with staff.



situation of choosing from a number of personal options ---

During an All Hands meeting D'Agostino said that the setting of the new LASO building offers a modern, professional environment within which to continue the good work

He explained that Congress and the Administration are in ongoing discussions regarding the FY09 budget and that it would be some time before we know

leave federal government service, go back to the civil service, or, if requested by the new administration, to stay on as NNSA Administrator.

## Pecos Conference

LANL graduate students Alex Johnson and Joseph (Woody) Aguilar presented



*Woody Aguilar*

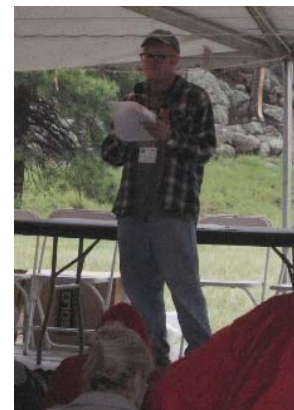
their thesis research at the Pecos Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona Aug. 7 – 10. The Pecos Conference is an annual meeting of ar-

chaeologists from the Southwest.

"It was an excellent opportunity for Alex and Woody to present their thesis and

forge professional connections," said Ellen McGehee, LANL Cultural Resources Team Lead.

Johnson presented his thesis research about cavate function and social organization at Tsirege, and Aguilar prepared a poster presentation about his research with Pueblo



Revolt period sites.

Johnson is a graduate student in the Anthropology department at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Aguilar is a graduate stu-

dent in the Anthropology department at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Both have completed their coursework and are finishing up their Master's thesis work.



## Domenici Celebrated at Los Alamos



New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici told employees, at a celebration recognizing Aug. 11th, that they and Los Alamos have been “special” to him during his many years of service.

“We kind of hit it off,” Domenici said, drawing a chuckle from employees in the National Security Sciences Building Auditorium, after listening to remarks from NNSA Administrator Tom D’Agostino, Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio, and former Lab directors.

D’Agostino called Domenici “patriotic and principled” and “Saint Pete, a bull-fighter for technology, and the senator of Los Alamos.”

During the all-employee talk, Anastasio announced that the NSSB Auditorium is being renamed the Pete V. Domenici Auditorium and presented Domenici

with a plaque.

The all-employee talk culminated a day of meetings with senior managers, a tour of the Laboratory’s Roadrunner high-performance supercomputer, and a meeting with Laboratory Fellows. “I had so many good times representing you,” Senator Domenici said. “I think it’s pretty clear you have been a special constituency of mine.”

The state’s longest serving senator, who is retiring when his present term ends in January plans to have an office in Albuquerque with his son, who is an attorney, and also continue living in Washington part-time with his wife Nancy and other family members.

*L-R, Tom D’Agostino, former Lab directors Bob Kuckuck and Harold Agnew, Director Michael Anastasio, and Pete Domenici*



*Senator Domenici at the Roadrunner supercomputer. At right is Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio. Pictured from left are Charlie McMillan, associate director for weapons physics; John Morrison, High Performance Computing Division leader; John Hopson, program director for advanced simulation and computing; and Andy White, Roadrunner program director.*



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## In Case You Missed It



### Senior Leadership Changes



Alice Williams, Associate Administrator for In-

frastructure and Environ-

ment, will become the new Livermore Site Office manager, on Nov. 1st .

Alice replaces Camille



Yuan Soo-Hoo who has served as the manager since May 2000.

Camille will move into a

new SES position as Special Advisor to the Associate Principal Deputy Administrator/Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, she will be leading a series of financial and contract management studies critical to our partnerships in the National Security Inter-agency community and initiatives in support of complex transformation.



### Hatch Act for Federal Employees

The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of executive branch employees of the federal government, District of Columbia government and some [state and local employees](#) who work in connection with federally funded programs. In 1993, Congress passed legislation that significantly amended the Hatch Act as it applies to federal and D.C. employees ([5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326](#)).

Under the amendments most federal and D.C. employees are now permitted to take an active part in political management and political campaigns. [A small group of federal employees are subject to greater restrictions](#) and continue to be prohibited from engaging in partisan political management and partisan political campaigns.

For more information go to [http://www.osc.gov/ha\\_fed.htm](http://www.osc.gov/ha_fed.htm)



### DOE Assistant Secretary Karsner and Chief Human Capital Officer Pon Announce their Resignations



"Serving as DOE's Chief Human Capital Officer since

January 2006, Jeff has dedicated himself to advancing the mission of DOE through strategic human capital planning, Secretary Bodman said. "Jeff's commitment to service will be missed. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors."

"During my tenure in public service, it has been an honor to serve



our Nation at the Office of Personnel Management and here at the Department of Energy under this Administration. I believe that the Department of Energy is the most important government agency when it comes to meeting the challenges facing our world," Pon said.

"Andy has served with tireless dedication and tremendous leadership as the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for more than two and a half years," said Energy Secretary Sam Bodman.

"He has played a key role in the Administration's efforts to engage the private sector in advancing and deploying efficiency and renewable energy technologies."

Karsner said, "It has been among the greatest



honors of my life to have been asked by President Bush to serve the American people, under the leadership of Secretary Bodman. I have full faith that our Nation has the capacity to lead the world to innovate, invest, and deploy efficient, clean, green, renewable, and secure energy