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All Hands - A Time to Reflect & Celebrate

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In an All Hands luncheon meeting Sep. 30th, Manager Don Winchell took the opportunity to recognize LASO's accomplishments for the year.

The Environmental Operations Office shipped 268 of 278 high activity waste drums to WIPP, got five major permits filed and approved, transferred land parcels to the Pueblos and Los Alamos County and completed the LANL Site-Wide Environment Impact Statement.



The National Security Missions Office was noted for completion of the Los Alamos Site Office building, program support for W88 pit production, and a number of other landlord programs.

grams.

Quality Assurance met weapons delivery milestones and pit production goals. While Security Operations got kudos for its Sites Safeguards and Security Plan "Best in Class" rating by the Office of Independent Oversight (OIO) and for its excellent audit results conducted by OIO.



The Field Operations Office was recognized for its work on the readiness of DAHRT second axis, in-depth safety system audits and being instrumental in improvements in the formality of operations at LANL.



Winchell also gave an update on LASO staffing numbers, reminded folks about the importance of working safely, and let folks know what he

thought about the budget, economy and when a new administration is transitioning into office.

Winchell asked for questions and then presented numerous recognition awards to LASO folk.

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Acknowledgements



Philippa Griego was thanked for her 20 years of public service



Ed Worth, right, received graduation certificate from the Air War College



Dan Glenn, left, was thanked for his help with a workshop session at the Idaho National Engineering Lab and Roger Snyder, right, was recognized for completion of SES training



Art Trujillo, above, and Herman Le-Doux, below, received technical qualifications



Cheryl Rodriguez, left, and Bret Jones, below, were awarded a LASO coin for their work





LASO Flag Ceremony

Honor Guard members from Kirtland Air Force Base hoisted a United States flag that flew in Balad, Iraq; Bagram, Afghanistan; and Marrakech,

MC-130 aircraft Commander Captain Shane Owen.

The Air Force Honor Guard presented the flag to

retired Navy captain and Los Alamos Site Office

Manager Don Winchell during a presentation Sep. 30th.

The flag was flown in front of the new LASO building overnight and taken down in an official ceremony. After flying for one night only,

in accordance with military protocol, it now is displayed in a glass case in

Morocco, before being presented to the Los Alamos Site Office on behalf of



the main conference room at LASO.



Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Off

Tuesday, Oct. 28th, will be LASO's official Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Off! It will be held in conference rooms 1154/1152/1150 from 12:00-1:00pm. Bring your lunch and come enjoy the competitive fun of the Chili Cook Off!! We are giving prizes for best Green Chili, Red Chili, and Salsa. Judging

will be based on taste and presentation. Start testing your recipes now...this

promises to be a good competition!

A drawing will also be held. To

get your name in the drawing just drop by and see Sarah McCreary during

work hours before the 28th, and while you're there make a donation to CFC.

This year's theme is "Carrying New Mexico to New Heights." The beneficial results of the charities you support through the CFC are all around you. Thousands of people in our community - including your fellow workers - have benefited from your generosity.



Carrying New Mexico to New Heights



V-Site Receives National Trust/ACHP Award

The National Trust for Historic Preservation pre-

sented the V-Site Restoration Project in Los Alamos, NM its National Trust/ Preservation. The project was one of 21 national award winners honored at the 2008 National Preservation Conference in Tulsa, OK, Oct. 23rd.

The V-Site's location on the grounds of the Los Alamos National Laboratory required creative problem solving and commitment far beyond the norm. In May 2000, the Cerro

Grande Fire spared only two of the dilapidated structures, including Building 516—the most significant V-Site structure, where the atomic bomb—"the Gadget"—was assembled.

The preservation team

worked from the 1944 blue-print specifications and made use of original materials wherever possible. The team used custom-milled lumber to match original buildings, preserved interior and exterior details and clearly delineated new construction materials. The entire process was meticulously documented, establishing it as a model for the planned restoration of other sites associated with the Manhattan Project.

"The V-Site is architecturally humble, but historically significant," says Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Thanks to an innovative preservation partnership, the centerpiece of a crucial time in history will not be lost."



Before and after photos of Building 516 restoration

sented the V-Site Restoration Project in Los Alamos, NM its National Trust/



ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic

TSAY Contract Signing Ceremony



(L-R) San Ildefonso Pueblo Gov. Leon Roybal, Ohkay Owingeh Gov. Earl Salazar, Lab Dir. Anastasio, LANL's Evelyn Maes, Sen. Binga-

Officials from the Pueblo San Ildefonso and Ohkay Owingeh, U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Los Alamos Site Office Manager Don

Winchell, and Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio signed a [\\$65 million contract](#) Thursday at the Laboratory.

At the contract signing Winchell said, "This is a truly great event. We at LANL encourage this type of business venture. The TSAY contract is one of the successes we're proud to have achieved."

Ohkay Owingeh Gov. Salazar said, "This contract will have a huge impact not only for Ohkay Owingeh and Española, but for the whole of Northern New Mexico."



Winter Is Peak Residential Fire Season



Between November and February is when most home fires occur -- representing nearly 37 percent of all residential fires annually. The U.S. Fire Administration says winter fires are more deadly and cause more damage. Experts agree advance preparation and planning are key to increasing your chances of a good outcome should fire strike this winter.



“Many people wait until it is too late to worry about ‘just in case’ fire planning and preparation,” says Peter Kuppler, veteran Fire Chief, fire instructor and certified arson investigator. “Despite the risks, statistics show only 26 percent of families have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Another reality families should know is that 70 percent of all residential fire fatalities are due to smoke inhalation -- not burns -- so preventing smoke from entering bedrooms is vital.”

October is National Fire Safety Awareness Month, a perfect time to make sure your home and family are ready in case of a fire.

Create an escape plan now and practice it with the whole family at least twice a year. College students and elderly persons should know the fire plan in their dorm or residential facility.

Check smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries every year ... even if you think they are still good. Experts recommend placement of one smoke alarm in every bedroom with one additional unit in a common area (stairway, main hallway, etc.) on every floor.

Make sure every family member knows: to stop-drop-roll should their clothing catch fire; feel doors with the back of the hand and, if it is hot, don't open it; and when the smoke alarm sounds, drop to the floor to get available fresh air and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

Always sleep with doors closed and consider installing a new safety device called The SMOKESTOPPER. The SMOKESTOPPER inhibits smoke from passing under doors and aids rescue personnel in prioritizing their search and

identifying loved ones' rooms during rescue operations.

Know as least two ways out of your bedroom. Use the window if the door is blocked by heat, smoke or flames. Consider a rope or chain escape ladder for second or third floor bedrooms. If trapped in a room, keep the door closed, stay low to the floor and wait by the window. Do not hide under beds or in closets.

Security bars on windows can help keep thieves out, but can also trap you inside. Install simple to use emergency releases on the inside of all windows.

Once you are out, stay out! Once out, head to a pre-arranged, safe 'meeting place' and stay out under all circumstances until a fire official tells you it is safe to go back inside. Use a neighbor's phone to call 911 or the fire department.

For additional fire safety tips and to learn more about The SMOKESTOPPER, go to www.theSMOKESTOPPER.com.

Courtesy of ARAcontent



Drop to the floor to get available fresh air and crawl to the nearest safe exit.



If you catch on fire do you know what to do Stop, Drop and Roll and cover your face too





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Real World Design Challenge

The DOE has launched the Real World Design Challenge (RWDC), a new annual competition that provides high school students with the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a collaborative environment. The purpose of the RWDC is to ensure the future of our Nation's economic competitiveness and national security by inspiring today's students to become tomorrow's engineers.

"The Real World Design Challenge is intended to engage high school students with real engineering problems faced by industry," said Bill Valdez, Director of the Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists in DOE's Office of Science.

For additional information on the RWDC, visit: <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/RWDC/index.html>



In Case You Missed It



Complex Transformation PEIS

NNSA approved the final environmental analysis of a plan to transform the nation's nuclear weapons complex.

The environmental analysis, or Supplemental Programmatic Envi-

ronmental Impact Statement, analyzed several different options for the future of the nuclear weapons complex.



"The world is changing and we are changing along with it," said NNSA Ad-

ministrator Thomas D'Agostino. "The number of U.S. nuclear weapons is shrinking, budgets are flat or declining, and we need a smaller, more secure, more efficient infrastructure that reflects these realities, and yet retains our essential capabilities and enables our workforce to perform this vital mission."

Performance Evaluation Plan

Los Alamos Site Office Manager Don Winchell and Deputy Laboratory Director Jan Van

Prooyen sign the fiscal year 2009 Performance Evaluation Plan at the Los Alamos Site Office. At right is Caroline Crooks, a LASO con-



tracting officer.

The Performance Evaluation Plan defines the performance measures and expectations by which Los Alamos

National Security LLC's performance of work will be evaluated as required under the LANS

Prime Contract for operating the Laboratory. The plan was bilaterally negotiated between the National Nuclear Security Administration and LANS.



Los Alamos Imager on Space Mission

A new NASA mission, IBEX, is geared to probe the very edge of the solar system from a high Earth orbit. One of its two instruments is a compact Los Alamos device called the High Energy Neutral Atom Imager.

Our solar system lies in

a protective bubble created by material and magnetic fields that flow out of the sun. As the solar wind streams out far beyond Pluto, racing a million miles per hour, it reaches the edge of our bubble and collides with an enormous interstellar cloud through which we are moving. A shock wave forms where they meet. The Los Ala-

mos instrument, built in collaboration with Southwest Research Institute, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Montana, detects the atoms that are heated and thrown off from that boundary.

For information and illustrations of these missions on the Internet, see <http://www.nasa.gov/ibex> and <http://www.ibex.swri.edu/>.