

Vehicle Inspections

Los Alamos National Laboratory's Protective Force, in cooperation with Los Alamos Police Department, will randomly select vehicles for inspections.

- Drivers notified of an inspection must move to the search area indicated.
- An inspection team, including canine, will inspect the entire vehicle, including items on the roof or being towed.
- Upon completion, drivers will be permitted to proceed or their vehicles secured as necessary.
- Those who refuse a search must go through West Road or NM 4.



Articles Prohibited at the Laboratory

Articles not allowed on Laboratory property, including parking lots, are subject to confiscation by the Protective Force. Drivers transporting prohibited articles must stay on controlled access roads. (See the Frequently Asked Questions section for more information.)

Resources

Security Perimeter Web Site

<http://www.lanl.gov/community/perimeter/index.shtml>

Email: spp-questions@lanl.gov

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What items are not allowed on Laboratory property?

Answer: Prohibited articles are:

- Nongovernment-owned firearms.
- Dangerous weapons and explosives (including instruments or materials likely to cause substantial injury or damage to persons or property). Examples are pocket, hunting, or other sharp knives with blades longer than 2.5 inches.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Controlled substances (for example, illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia, but not prescription medication).
- Items prohibited by local, state, or federal law.

Question: Can prohibited articles be transported on roads used by the public?

Answer: Yes, on

- a portion of West Jemez Road (between the VAP/Post 6 near the southeast corner of Diamond Drive and West Jemez Road and the VAP/Post 4 near the intersection of the Ski Hill Road and West Jemez Road),
- a portion of Diamond Drive, and
- the unrestricted portion of Pajarito Road.

Question Can I take an alternate route if I choose not to be inspected?

Answer: Yes. West Road is an alternate roadway, or you can take NM 4 through White Rock and Bandelier.

Question: If an explosive is detected in a vehicle, what measures will be taken to protect those nearby?

Answer: The Protective Force and Emergency Management will immediately cordon off the area and an explosives team will deactivate the explosives.

ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES

*Security for You, for the Laboratory,
and for the Nation*



Effective March 2012

Security Enhancements

We live in times that require those of us who oversee security operations in all levels of government to be on guard. At Los Alamos National Laboratory, we take our mission seriously to protect our assets, workforce, and the neighboring communities.

Effective March 2012, the Laboratory will begin the random vehicle inspection program for all vehicles that traverse Department of Energy roadways. In particular, drivers (Laboratory-affiliated AND members of the public) that transit the vehicle access portals (VAPs) on East Jemez and West Jemez Roads and other entry locations will see an increase in inspections by Protective Force Canine Teams.

I welcome your support and compliance, whether you are member of the community or a visitor to the Los Alamos area, to help us fulfill the Laboratory's mission securely.

— Michael Lansing

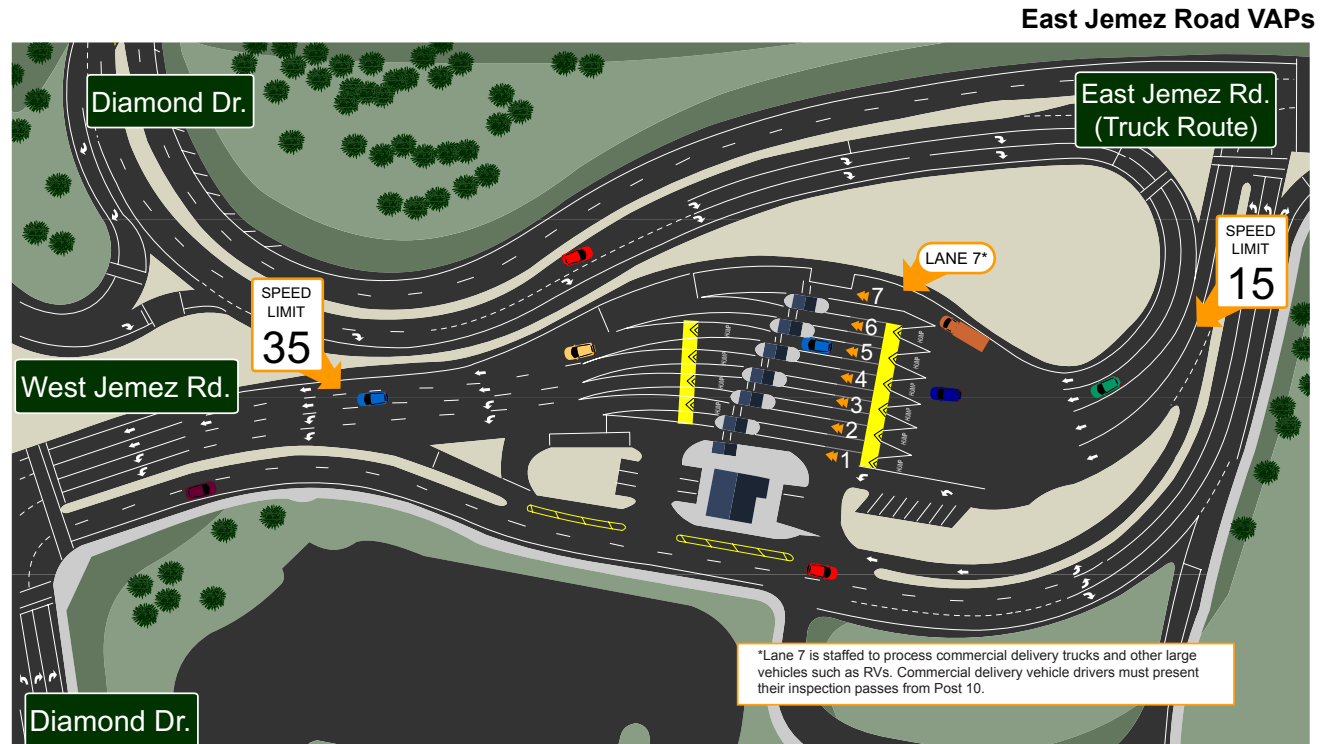
Associate Director for Security and Safeguards

Vehicle Access Portals

The main areas of the Laboratory are bounded by a security perimeter. The VAPs at major entrances control access within the perimeter.

The VAPs are randomly staffed by the Protective Force at different times. If a Protective Force officer is present at a VAP, drivers must wait for instructions to proceed. If a VAP is not staffed and a lane is not barricaded, drivers may drive through.

Note: A change in security condition may necessitate changes to Laboratory access. Watch for signs and Protective Force officers.



*Lane 7 is staffed to process commercial delivery trucks and other large vehicles such as RVs. Commercial delivery vehicle drivers must present their inspection passes from Post 10.

East Jemez Road VAPs

- **Lanes 2 through 5** are open during most business hours. These lanes are randomly staffed by Protective Force officers. Drivers may proceed through the lanes if VAPs are open but not staffed.
- **Lane 7** (the right-most VAP) is staffed by a Protective Force officer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Note: Large vehicles such as RVs must stop at Lane 7 and proceed only after an indication by the Protective Force officer to do so.

West Jemez Road VAPs

During normal security conditions, drivers must stop at these VAPs and wait for instructions from Protective Force officers to proceed.

Pajarito Road VAPs

Only drivers with valid badges may go through these VAPs. Drivers must stop and present their badges to Protective Force officers before proceeding.

Safety First

- Slow down to 15 miles per hour when nearing and driving through the VAPs.
- Merge safely and courteously.
- Follow directions of Protective Force officers.