

## Why a Citizens' Advisory Board?

- Recognition of legacy waste and environmental impact of LANL operations over the past 60 years
- Providing community involvement opportunities in DOE decision making regarding cleanup at LANL
- A federally chartered venue to advise DOE on cleanup and remediation at LANL
- A voice for the local community



Make a difference in  
your community...

**Because you  
love  
New Mexico!**



A U.S. Department of Energy Site Specific  
Advisory Board (SSAB) chartered under the  
Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

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## Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board

A Federally Appointed Citizens' Advisory Board that provides public involvement opportunities and recommendations directly to the decision makers at the U.S. Department of Energy concerning:

**Environmental Monitoring •  
Surveillance • Waste Management •  
Community Outreach •  
Public Education • Remediation**



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## What is the Site Specific Advisory Board?

The Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) was developed to involve local citizens more directly in Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) remediation decisions at major nuclear facilities in the United States. Eight local site boards are currently active under the EM/SSAB charter. The SSAB has Citizen Advisory Boards at the following DOE sites: Hanford, Idaho, Los Alamos, Nevada, Oak Ridge, Paducah, Portsmouth, and Savannah River.



*Drilling wells to monitor ground water is an important part of EM work at LANL and other sites.*

The mission of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) is to provide the DOE with advice and recommendations concerning environmental restoration and waste management issues that fall within the purview of the EM program.

The local site boards are responsible for submitting consensus advice and recommendations to DOE on key EM issues, which represent and communicate the viewpoints of the Northern New Mexico community.

DOE's obligations to the local site boards include keeping the boards informed about key issues and upcoming decisions, and considering and responding in a timely manner to all board recommendations.

## The Northern New Mexico Site

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is located in Los Alamos, New Mexico on 28,000 acres in Los Alamos and Santa Fe counties of north-central New Mexico, approximately 60 miles northeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and 25 miles northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

LANL is a multi-program national laboratory with research and development programs in a broad range of scientific and technical fields. The laboratory was established in 1943 to design, develop, and test nuclear weapons. Many of LANL's operations required hazardous chemicals and radioactive materials, such as plutonium and uranium. Use of these materials resulted in the contamination of facilities, and in some cases, the surrounding environment.



## The primary functions of the EM program at LANL are to...

- 1) Clean up contaminated sites on Los Alamos National Laboratory and surrounding private and government-owned lands to levels appropriate for the intended land use;
- 2) Protect and monitor the regional aquifer;
- 3) Decontaminate and decommission excess facilities affecting environmental restoration actions;
- 4) Retrieve legacy transuranic waste and ship it to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant;
- 5) Conduct long-term surveillance and monitoring, until turned over to the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semiautonomous agency within the DOE. Completion of phases of this project is scheduled through 2015.

## Be Informed. Get Involved.

You don't have to be a formal NNM CAB member to serve on a committee or come to a Board meeting.

To get involved, call the NNM CAB office at (505) 989-1662. The staff can direct you to the next meeting that interests you. All Board meetings include at least one public comment period, where any community member may express a viewpoint on DOE EM activities.

Applications are being accepted for Board members.

For additional details on the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, consult the following:



Our Website:  
[www.nnmcab.energy.gov](http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov)



YouTube (Channel: NNM CAB)



Facebook (Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board)

The NNM CAB's website contains minutes of the Board meetings, recommendations the NNM CAB has made to the DOE, and archived presentations from NNM CAB meetings. You can also find biographical information about the membership, and interesting links to find out more about how Site Specific Advisory Boards across the country are making a big difference in their communities.



*NNM CAB members went 2,000 feet underground to tour the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site near Carlsbad, New Mexico in November 2011.*