

Overview of Environmental Programs

Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board

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Los Alamos Circa 1948







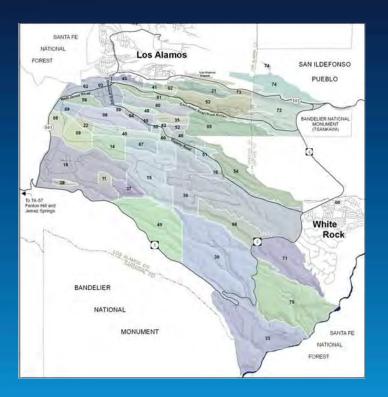
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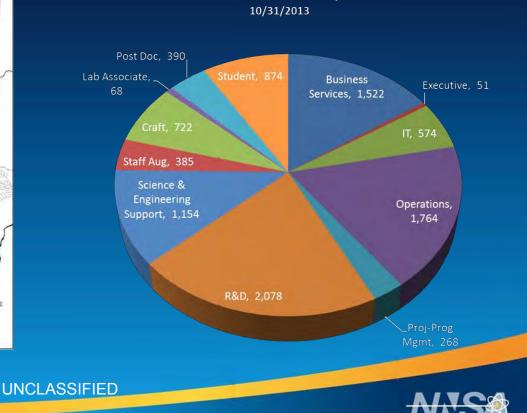
Los Alamos National Laboratory

37 square miles

9,850 workers

LANL Workforce - 9,850





National security science serving national interest

- We anticipate, innovate, and deliver solutions.
- We span the spectrum from discovery through applied science to prototypes.
- We use the outstanding science, engineering and technology from our core stockpile stewardship mission for other national needs.





Los Alamos Today

- Developed technology used on the Mars Curiosity rover
- Study human health to advance medicine
 - Researching HIV and tuberculosis to innovate intervention measures
- Pursue energy security breakthroughs
 - Developing ways to transform biomass-derived molecules into fuels
 - Helping develop "smart" technologies for new, more sustainable electrical grid

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Environmental Programs Mission



 Clean up legacy waste sites and protect northern New Mexico's water resources

Process and ship hazardous and radioactive waste to permanent disposal facilities



ADEP - Dedication to Safe Performance



- Safe working environment
- Excellence in regulatory compliance

Environmental Programs is a great place to work!

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- RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1970
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- NMED: New Mexico Environment Department
- SWMU: Solid Waste Management Unit
- AOC: Area of Concern
- MDA: Material Disposal Area
- IR: Investigation Report
- CME: Corrective Measures Evaluation
- ARRA: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Regulatory Agreements – Consent Order

Compliance Order on Consent

- 2005 agreement between LANL and the New Mexico Environment Department
- Includes requirements and schedules for cleaning up LANL
- Final deliverable is December 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT	
IN THE MATTER OF:	
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT) OF ENERGY AND THE REGENTS OF THE) UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)	COMPLIANCE ORDER ON CONSENT
)) LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY) LOS ALAMOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,) RESPONDENTS.)	PROCEEDING UNDER THE NEW MEXICO HAZARDOUS WASTE ACT § 74-4-10 AND THE NEW MEXICO SOLID WASTE ACT § 74-9-36(D)

MARCH 1, 2005 (Revised June 18, 2008)

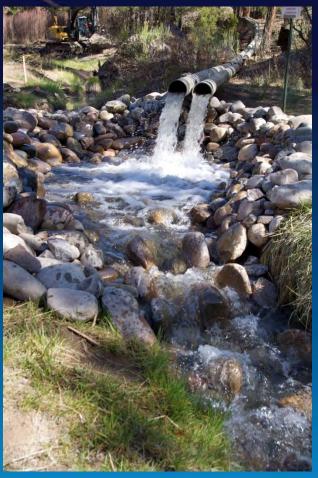


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Legacy cleanup

- Working with NMED on interim measures for groundwater remediation
 - Chromium in Sandia and Mortandad Canyons
 - RDX at TA-16 260 outfall
- Prioritizing completion of sites important to Los Alamos County re-development





Protecting water resources

Groundwater

- Operate extensive groundwater monitoring network at over 200 locations (screens)
- Routine sampling of a number of Los Alamos County and City of Santa Fe water supply wells

Surface Water

- Erosion / storm water controls at 405 sites
- Sample surface water at over 175 different locations
- Operate the storm water
 Early Notification System for the
 Buckman Diversion intake for Santa Fe
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FY13 Accomplishments

Consent Order progress

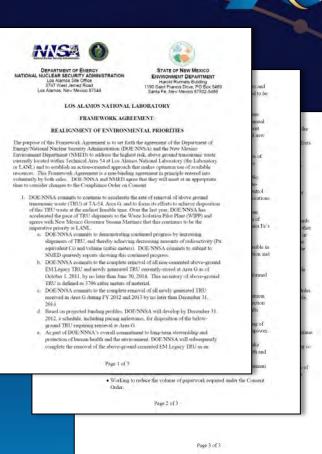
- Completed investigation and remediation for 1,008 of the 2,139 cleanup sites (69 sites are pending administrative action)
- Collect approximately 390 surface water, spring and groundwater samples
- Completed characterization pump testing, retrieving data to help scientists remediate chromium in the regional aquifer
- 100% of all regulatory deliverables met on time or early (>100/year)





Regulatory Agreements – Framework Agreement

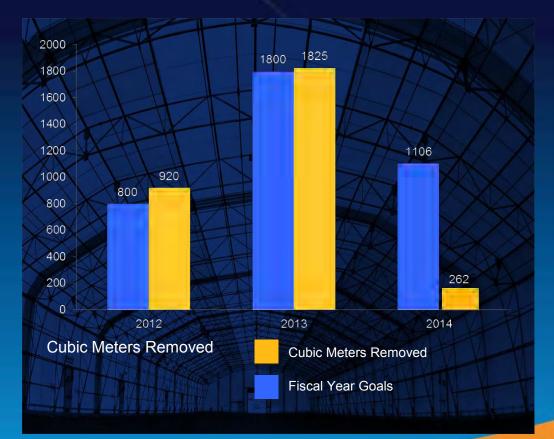
- Risk-based realignment of environmental priorities
- Announced in January 2012
- Agreement among:
 - New Mexico Environment Department
 - Department of Energy
 - National Nuclear Security Administration
- The 2005 Consent Order remains in place





3706 TRU Campaign – Removing Above Ground Transuranic Waste

- Top priority shared by the State of New Mexico, Department of Energy and the Laboratory
- Current focus is to remove 3,706 cubic meters of aboveground waste by June 30, 2014





FY13 Accomplishments

- Safely remediated 1,825 cubic ²⁵⁰ meters of TRU waste from Area G
 - Shipped to Waste Isolation
 Pilot Plant and Waste Control
 Specialists
- Completed the Framework Agreement deliverable to develop a below-grade disposition schedule early
- Implemented Area G Basis of Interim Operations (BIO)







Fiscal year 2014 priorities



- Complete removal of 3,706 cubic meters of aboveground transuranic waste
- Protect groundwater and surface water
- Investigate and clean up legacy waste sites
- Begin below-ground transuranic waste retrieval

