# Why A Citizens' Advisory Board?

- Recognition of legacy waste and environmental impact of LANL operations over the past 70 years.
- Providing community involvement opportunities in the DOE decision making regarding cleanup of legacy waste at LANL.
- A federally chartered venue to advise DOE on cleanup and remediation at LANL.
- An opportunity for a broad range of cultural, geographical, and ethnic demographics to share knowledge and ideas on a path forward for environmental cleanup at LANL.



- A voice for the local community.
- An opportunity to make a difference in your local Community.

## **Be Informed**



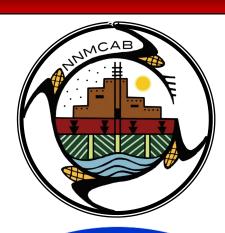
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A U.S. Department of Energy Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

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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
- Waste Management
- Remediation Surveillance
- Community Outreach
- Public Education

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## What is the EM Site Specific Advisory Board?



Working to protect ground water is an important part of EM's mission at LANL (Groundwater holding tank at chromium plume pump test site in Mortandad Canyon).

he Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board was developed to involve ocal citizens more directly in Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) remediation decisions at major nuclear facilities in the Unites States. Eight local site boards are currently active un-

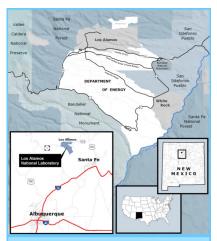
der the EM/SSAB charter. The EM-SSAB has Citizen Advisory Boards at the following DOE sites: Hanford, Idaho, Los Alamos, Nevada, Oak Ridge, Paducah, Portsmouth, and Savannah River. The local site boards are responsible for submitting advice and recommendations to DOE on key EM issues, which represent and communicate the viewpoints of the local community that they represent.

**DOE's obligations** to the local site boards include: keeping the boards informed about key issues and upcoming decisions, through reports, presentations, forums, and round table discussions. DOE is responsible for considering and responding in a timely manner to all board recommendations

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

### Northern New Mexico Site

LANL is a multiprogram national laboratory with research and development programs in a broad range of scientific and technological fields. The laboratory was established in 1943 to design, develop, and test nuclear weapons. Many of LANL's operations required hazardous chemicals and



LANL is located in Los Alamos, New Mexico and sits on 28,000 acres approximately 60 miles northeast of Albuquerque.

radioactive materials, such as plutonium and uranium. Use of these materials resulted in the contamination of facilities, and in some cases, the surrounding environment.

#### Function of EM at LANL

- Clean up contaminated sites on LANL and surrounding private and government owned lands to levels appropriate for the intended land use.
- Protect and monitor the regional aquifer.
- Monitor and maintain stormwater and surface water runoff across the site.
- Decontaminate and decommission excess facilities affecting environmental restoration activities.
- Retrieve legacy transuranic waste and ship it to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).
- 6. Conduct long-term surveillance and monitoring, until turned over to the NNSA.



Drainage control (BMP) at LANL.

### Be Informed or Get Involved

You don't have to be a formal NNMCAB member to serve on a committee or come to a Board meeting. All Board meetings include at least one public comment period, where any community

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Interested in becoming a member or joining a committee? Contact NNMCAB Executive Director Menice Santistevan

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member may express a viewpoint on DOE EM activities.

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



Our Website

www.nnmcab.energy.gov



The NNMCAB YouTube Channel

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Facebook (Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board or Nnmcab)

The NNMCAB's website contains: minutes from Board Meetings, recommendations submitted by the NNMCAB, a presentations archive, upcoming meeting

agendas, calendar of activities, and links to additional information, sites, and educational tools. Visit the YouTube channel for videos and presentations; or the Facebook page to see: articles links to events, & photos.



In November 2013 NNMCAB members toured the WIPP facility 2000' underground.