



Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB)

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



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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 U.S. 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.

What do the Local Site Boards do?

The local site boards provide the DOE with policy information, advice, and recommendations concerning environmental restoration, waste management, and technology development activities. They provide input and recommendations on difficult and sometimes controversial national and site specific issues such as future land use, risk assessment, waste management, clean-up levels, economic development, and budget prioritization activities. Since their inception, local site boards have helped establish public trust and confidence in the EM program and DOE.

What are Local Site Boards Responsibilities?

- Providing consensus advice and recommendations to DOE on key EM issues which communicate the diversity of local citizen views in its discussions.
- Keeping the public informed on key issues, upcoming decisions, and board recommendations.

DOE's obligations to the Local Site Boards include:

- Keeping the boards informed about key issues and upcoming decisions.
- Requesting recommendations well in advance of DOE deadlines.
- Considering and responding to all board recommendations.



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Why a Citizens' Advisory Board?

- **Recognition of legacy waste and environmental impact of LANL operations over the past 60 years.**
- **Provide community involvement in DOE decision-making regarding clean-up.**
- **Public mechanism to monitor current LANL activities.**
- **A federally chartered venue to advise DOE on clean up and remediation at LANL.**



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NNMCAB MISSION

Board responsibilities include providing advice and recommendations on DOE EM's programs:

- Environmental Restoration
- Waste Management
- Monitoring and Surveillance
- Community Outreach
- Future Land Use and Long-term Environmental Stewardship
- Associated Environmental Issues, including Risk Management and Budget Prioritization



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NNMCAB Function and Scope



To advise the DOE through a federally chartered formal recommendation process on environmental restoration and waste management activities at:

- Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Northern New Mexico communities impacted by past, present, and future LANL activities.



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NNMCAB Goals



- At NNMCAB, we are dedicated to increasing public involvement, awareness and education relating to environmental remediation and management activities at LANL.
- The CAB strives to ensure that decisions about LANL include informed advice from the community, and we openly solicit public participation in all of our deliberations.
- It is our goal to make it easier for members of the public to make their voices heard by the decision makers at DOE.



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NNMCAB Top Three Issues

Issue # 1:

DOE provide funding in FY '12 and beyond for LANL to meet completion of the New Mexico Order on Consent.



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Issue # 2:

DOE should expedite high priority clean-up work--

- Complete remediation of Technical Area 21.
- Remove Transuranic Waste (TRU) from Material Disposal Area G (MDA G) to support complex wide goal of 90% removal of TRU waste by 2015.



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Issue # 3:

DOE should focus on continued development of an integrated site-wide Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Program, to optimize execution of the Consent Order.



NNMCAB Goals

- **Accomplishment:**

- Transition the focus of Board Recommendations from characterization to end points (remediation and mitigation) including long term stewardship and land transfer.

- **Major Board Activity:**

- The NNMCAB continues its outreach to local communities and the Eight Northern Pueblos, one of which shares a boundary with LANL.
- Increased member participation in national, regional and local environmental forums.



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Recent Recommendations to DOE

- **Achieving 2005 Consent Order Milestones in the Next Four Years**
- **Accelerating TRU Waste Shipments from Area G to WIPP**
- **New Urgency for Increased TRU Shipments from MDA G (draft)**
- **Recommendation that Los Alamos National Laboratory Not Be Selected for Disposal of Greater Than Class C Low-Level Radioactive Waste**
- **Recommendation for Disposition of Remote-handled Waste Buried in 33 Shafts at Technical Area 54 (TA-54)**
- **Restore User Confidence in the RACER Database (draft)**
- **Recommendation for Interim Measure for Volatile Organic Constituent Contaminant Source Removal in MDA-L and MDA-G**

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NNMCAB Organizational Chart



CAB Chair

**Deputy Designated
Federal Officers
(Department of Energy)**

Liaison Members

Environmental Protection Agency
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Department of Energy
New Mexico Environment Department

**CAB
Vice Chair**

**Environmental Monitoring,
Surveillance & Remediation Committee
Chair
Vice Chair**

**Waste Management Committee
Chair
Vice Chair**

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Providing Input to the CAB



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The CAB is Comprised of Volunteer Citizens!

- The Board is authorized to have 27 appointed members in the CAB By-Laws.
- 4 Board Seats are reserved for the Accord Pueblos.
- Board members represent broad geographic, cultural, and ethnic demographics.
- DOE Board appointments are for 2 years.
- The Board meets bi-monthly and the CAB technical committees meet monthly.
- All Board and Committee meetings are open to the public!



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Questions

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