



**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) by the Asst. Secretary for  
Environmental Management**

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# What are Site Specific Advisory Boards?

*Site Specific Advisory Boards were developed to involve stakeholders more directly in DOE cleanup decisions. While only one federal advisory committee Act-chartered EM SSAB exists, eight local site boards are chartered under the EMSSAB umbrella charter are organized 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 difficult and sometimes controversial national and site specific issues such as future use, risk, 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?

- Submitting consensus advice and recommendations to DOE on key EM issues representing and communicating the diversity of views in their 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 in a timely manner 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 50 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 the LANL.**

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# NNMCAB MISSION

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

- 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 & Scope

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- **To advise the DOE through a federally chartered formal recommendation process on environmental restoration (cleanup) and waste management activities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and the Northern New Mexico communities impacted by past, present, and future LANL activities.**



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# Intent of the CAB's Function

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- Help the DOE through submitting effective, thoughtful, and timely recommendations, to make better Environmental Restoration / Environmental Management decisions at LANL involving:
  - *Environmental Restoration*
  - *Waste Management*
  - *Environmental Monitoring & Surveillance*
  - *Community Outreach & Public Involvement*



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# NNMCAB GOALS

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- **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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