

# Regional Coalition of LANL Communities

City of Española – Los Alamos County – Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo of Jemez – Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

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### History & Background

#### Operating under a Joint Power Agreement

- Nine communities to ensure communities surrounding LANL were well served by the activities of the Lab in economic development and environmental cleanup
  - Ensuring employment opportunities,
  - Sustaining diversified missions
  - Environmental protection
  - Participation in regional planning
  - Evaluation of policy initiatives and legislation





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#### O Goals

- 1. Engage LANL, DOE, State, and relevant stakeholders on LANL site issues
- 2. Increase our communities' collective voice in state and federal advocacy
- 3. Discuss, proactively address issues, and strategize on how to **meet regional needs**
- 4. Identify and support economic opportunities to promote LANL activities off-site
- 5. Increase funding for cleanup to ensure site activities protect human health and the environment



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#### **Questions?**



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