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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT BUREAU

Our mission is to conduct independent environmental monitoring of Department of Energy (DOE) operations in New Mexico and provide transparent, unbiased, and publicly available information to the citizens of New Mexico.

The mission is achieved through four primary objectives:

- Develop and implement vigorous environmental monitoring programs at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM), the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), and the areas surrounding these facilities. These environmental monitoring programs include both joint and independent environmental monitoring activities and data acquisition, validation, evaluation, and interpretation for all environmental media, including air, water, soils and sediments, biota, and atmospheric deposition. The focus of these evaluations and monitoring programs is on the potential contaminant levels of heavy metals, organic and inorganic compounds, and radionuclides.
- Publish environmental monitoring data and data analysis reports.
- Provide technical review of reports, protocols, environmental assessments, and other documents related to DOE facilities in New Mexico and participate in task forces, teams, and groups related to these activities.
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of environmental matters at DOE facilities in New Mexico by publishing data reports through participation in public meetings and listening sessions, community engagement meetings, consultations, environmental fairs, and other public events.

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