

**SUBJECT:** Office of Independent Oversight's Office of Environment, Safety and Health Evaluations Visit at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) – January 13, 2010

As part of the Office of Independent Oversight, within the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS) efforts to enhance future Independent Oversight of nuclear safety in response to ongoing Departmental management reforms and Government Accounting Office reviews, representatives from the Office of Environment, Safety and Health Evaluations held discussions with the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Chief of Defense Nuclear Safety and representatives from the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO). Part of the enhancements involves establishing lead site contacts to facilitate oversight and assistance activities at major sites with nuclear facilities. Current plans are to pilot the lead site contact process with NNSA at LANL. A site visit was conducted on January 13, 2010, with LASO and LANL representatives to discuss the Office of Environment, Safety and Health Evaluations current nuclear safety oversight strategy and objectives and initiate a site lead pilot at the LANL site. The meeting was well attended by many LANL senior Associate Directors and LASO Assistant Managers. Further discussions with LASO and LANL will continue in order to refine future activities that HSS will select for participation.