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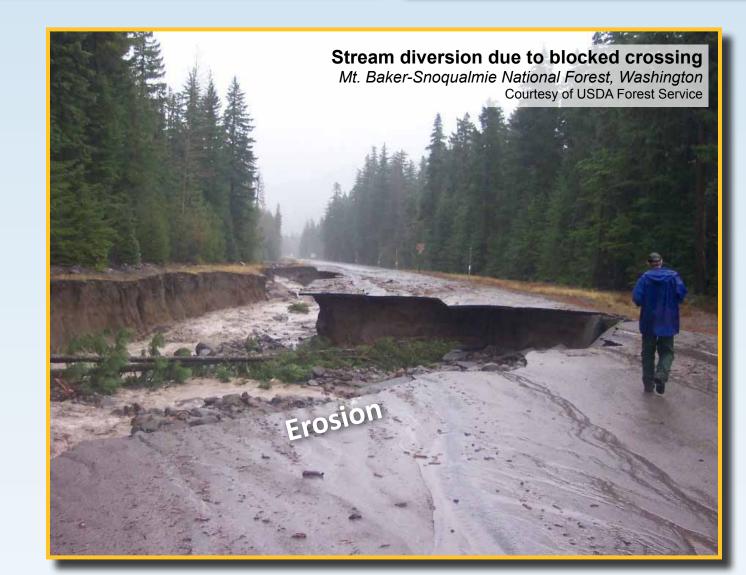
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Storm Water Best Management Practice/Control Measure Basics

What's the difference between sedimentation and erosion?







What is a BMP?

Best Management Practice

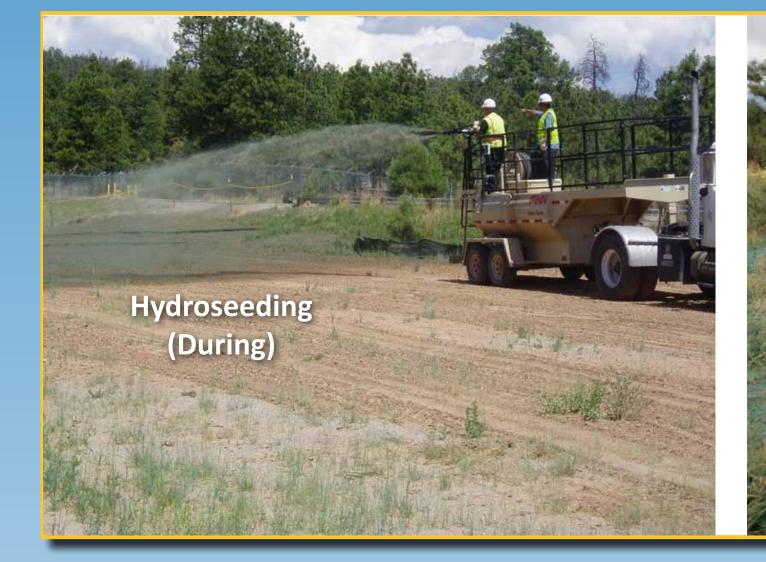
- Procedures, practices, physical structures or controls
- Minimizes the potential for pollutant transport

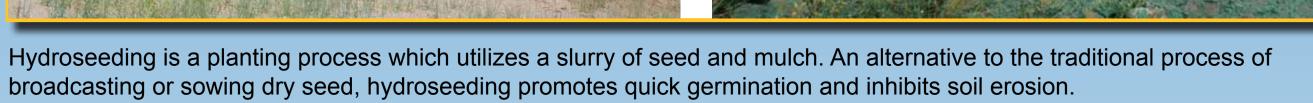
Erosion Control

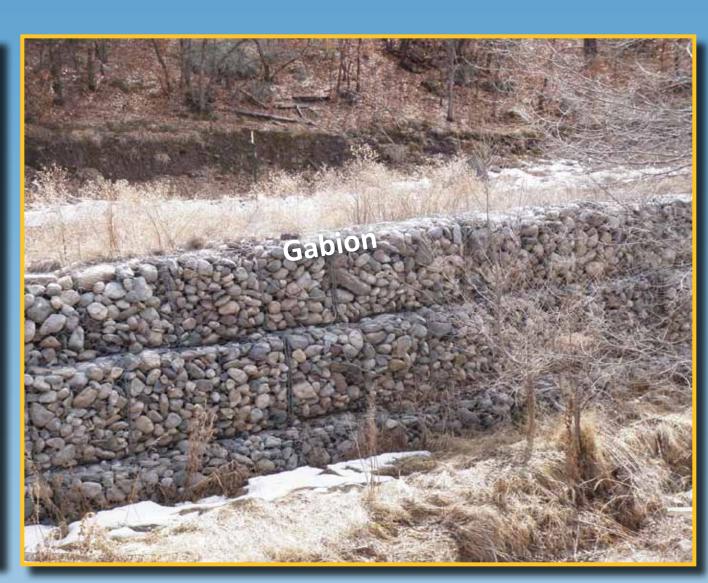
Practice of preventing or controlling soil disturbance and transport by wind or water.

Erosion Control Classes:

- Established Vegetation
- Seed and Mulch
- Channel/Swales
- Gabions/Riprap
- Caps
- Rolled Erosion Control Products







Gabions are engineering controls used to reinforce ste streambanks and prevent erosion.

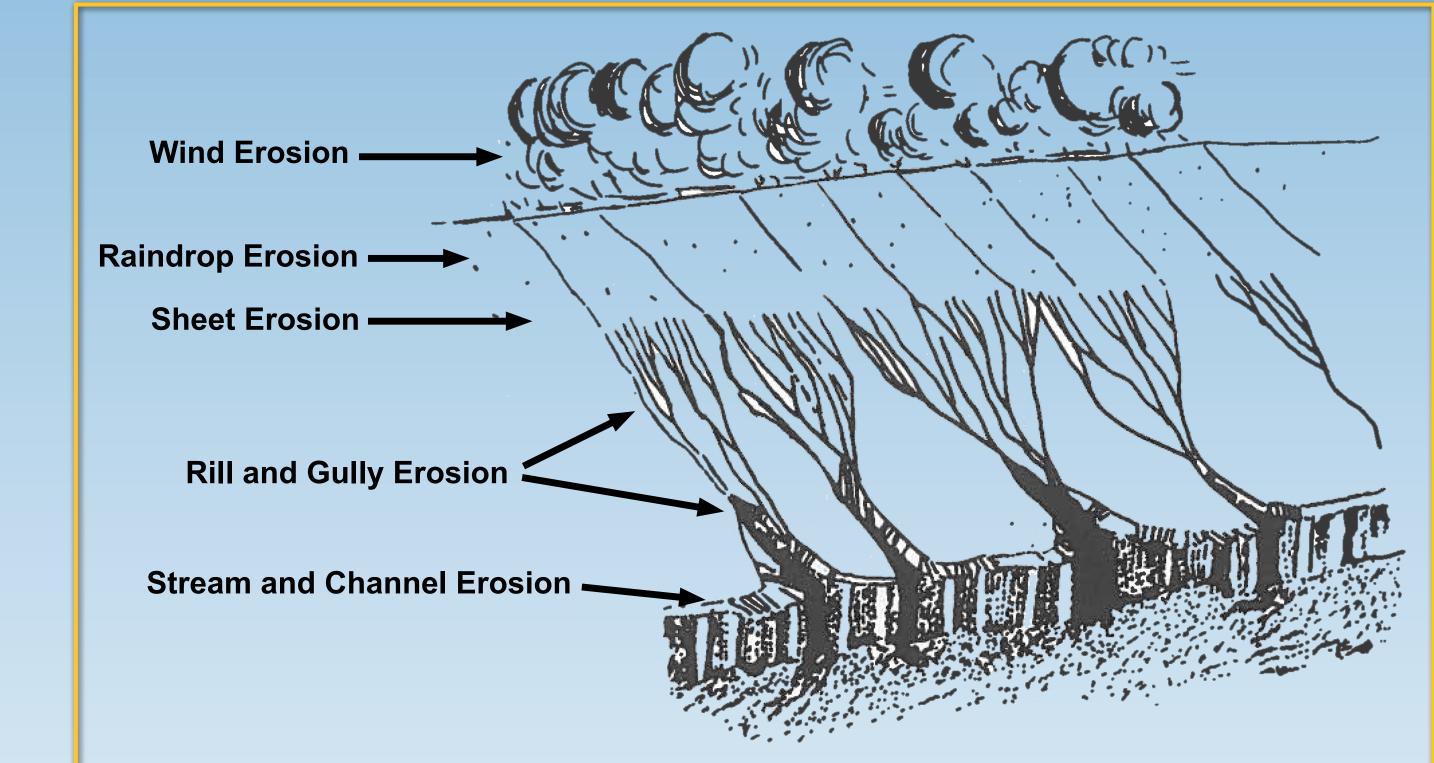


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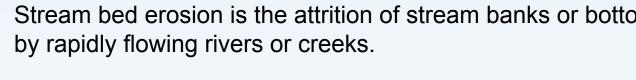


ultimate goal is to establish a self-sustaining vegetation cove to reduce rainfall impact and surface water velocities.

Types of Erosion





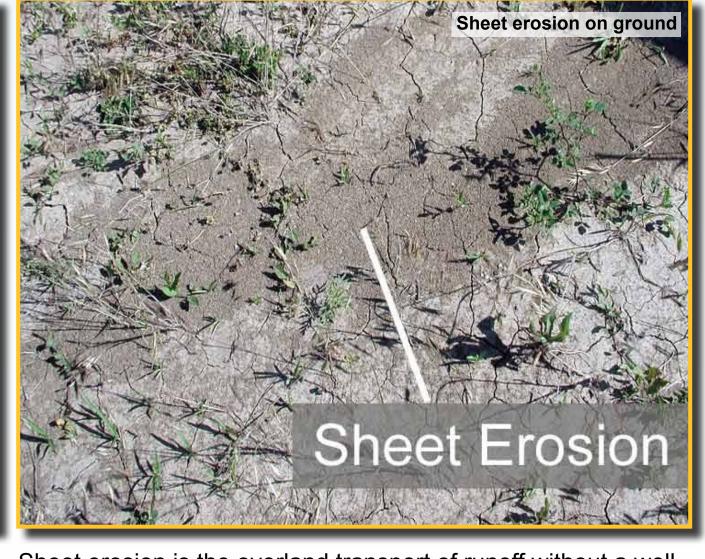




that it cuts a well defined channel. These channels can be as small as one centimeter wide or as large as several meters.



concentrated flow paths, which function as both sediment source and sediment delivery systems for erosion on hillslopes.



Gully erosion occurs when the power of runoff is strong enough Sheet erosion is the overland transport of runoff without a well defined channel. In the case of gully erosion, large amounts of material can be transported in a small time period.

Sediment Control

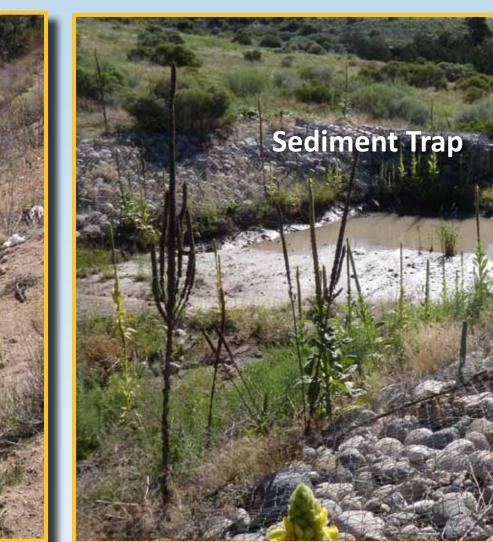
Function to remove and retain sediment from storm water.

Sediment Control Classes:

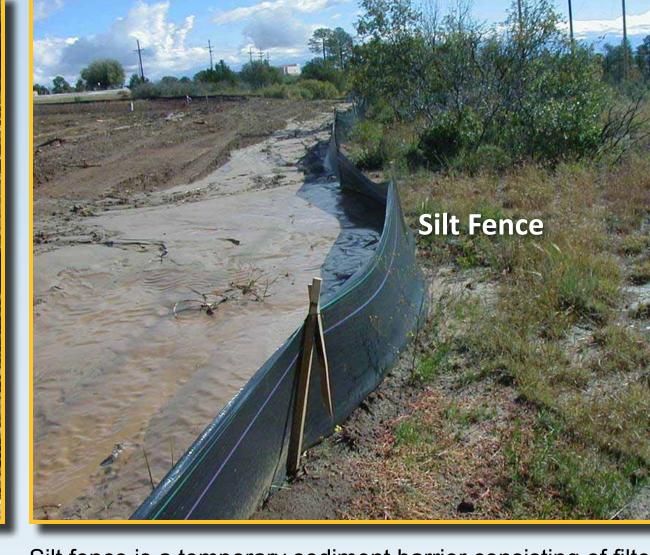
- Berms
- Sediment Traps and Basins
- Check Dams
- Fiber Rolls
- Silt Fence



Rock check dams reduce the velocity of concentrated storn water flows and are an effective aid in trapping sediment particles by virtue of the ability to pond runoff.



Gabion sediment traps prevent offsite sediment migration



Silt fence is a temporary sediment barrier consisting of fil fabric entrenched into the soil and attached to supporting



Detention basins manage storm water runoff by temporarily storing water after a storm which limits downstream erosion and controls some pollutants such as suspended solids.

Failed BMPs





Improperly sized check dam



Silt fence installed in concentrated flow path





Silt fence failure due to improper maintenance BMP should extend length of eroded channel

Can be temporary or permanent

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Draft Community Relations Plan



WE NEED YOUR INPUT...

To accomplish our mission, Los Alamos National Laboratory generates some hazardous and mixed waste.

In November 2010, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

The Permit establishes standards for how LANL manages, stores and treats hazardous wastes on-site and for the closure and post-closure care of permitted waste management units.

In compliance with the permit, we have drafted a Community Relations Plan, pending your input,

which will provide for six elements of community relations.

- 1. Establish an open working relationship with communities and interested members of the public;
- 2. Establish a productive government to government relationship with local tribes and pueblos;
- 3. Keep communities and interested members of the public informed of permit actions of interest;
- 4. Minimize disputes and resolve differences with communities and interested members of the public;
- 5. Provide a mechanism for the timely dissemination of information in response to individual requests; and
- 6. Provide a mechanism for communities and interested members of the public to provide feedback and input to the Permittees.

To Comment On This Plan:

Use web form found at: www.lanl.gov/environment/waste/docs/CRPform.pdf

Call: Environmental Outreach Office: 505-667-0216

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For Further Information:

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Individual Permit Baseline Control Measures at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Erosion Controls



Selective juniper thinning promotes native grass growth, improves soil health, and minimizes erosion.



Wood mulch is an engineered erosion control material used to prevent wind erosion, rill formation, and promote revegetation.

Juniper thinning and gravel mulch are stabilization techniques used to increase cover, minimize erosion, and reduce runoff. Rock berms function to spread flow, prevent erosion, and trap sediment.

Run-On Retention Berm

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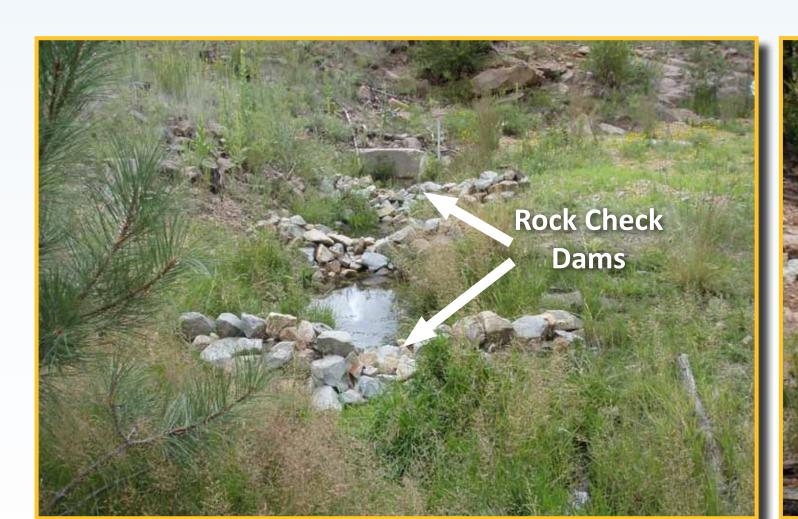
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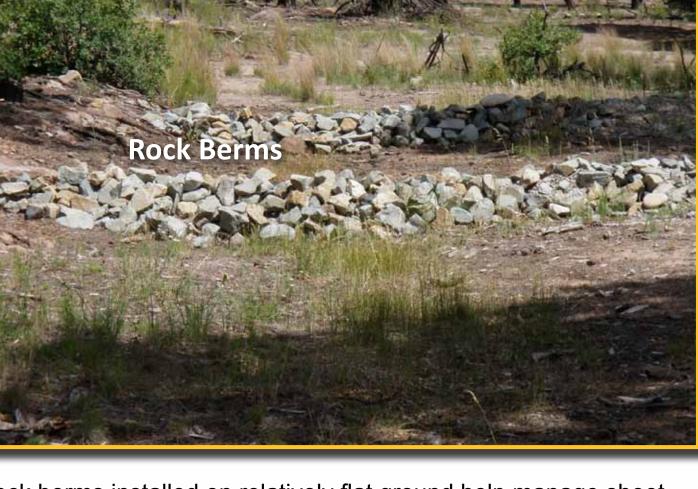


Willow planting is a bioengineering erosion control practice which provides mechanical streambank stabilization.

Sediment Controls



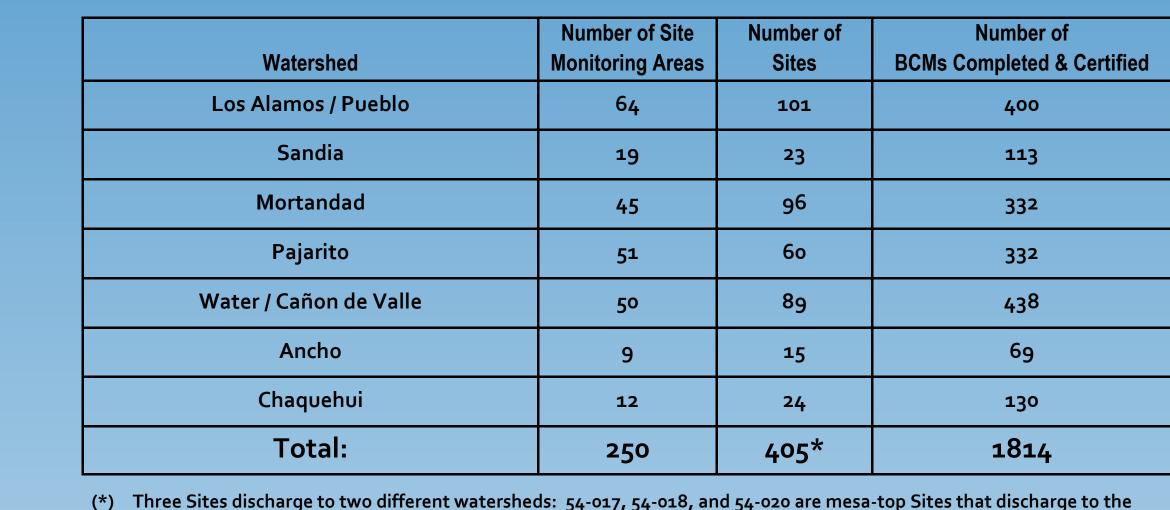
velocity and reduce sediment migration.



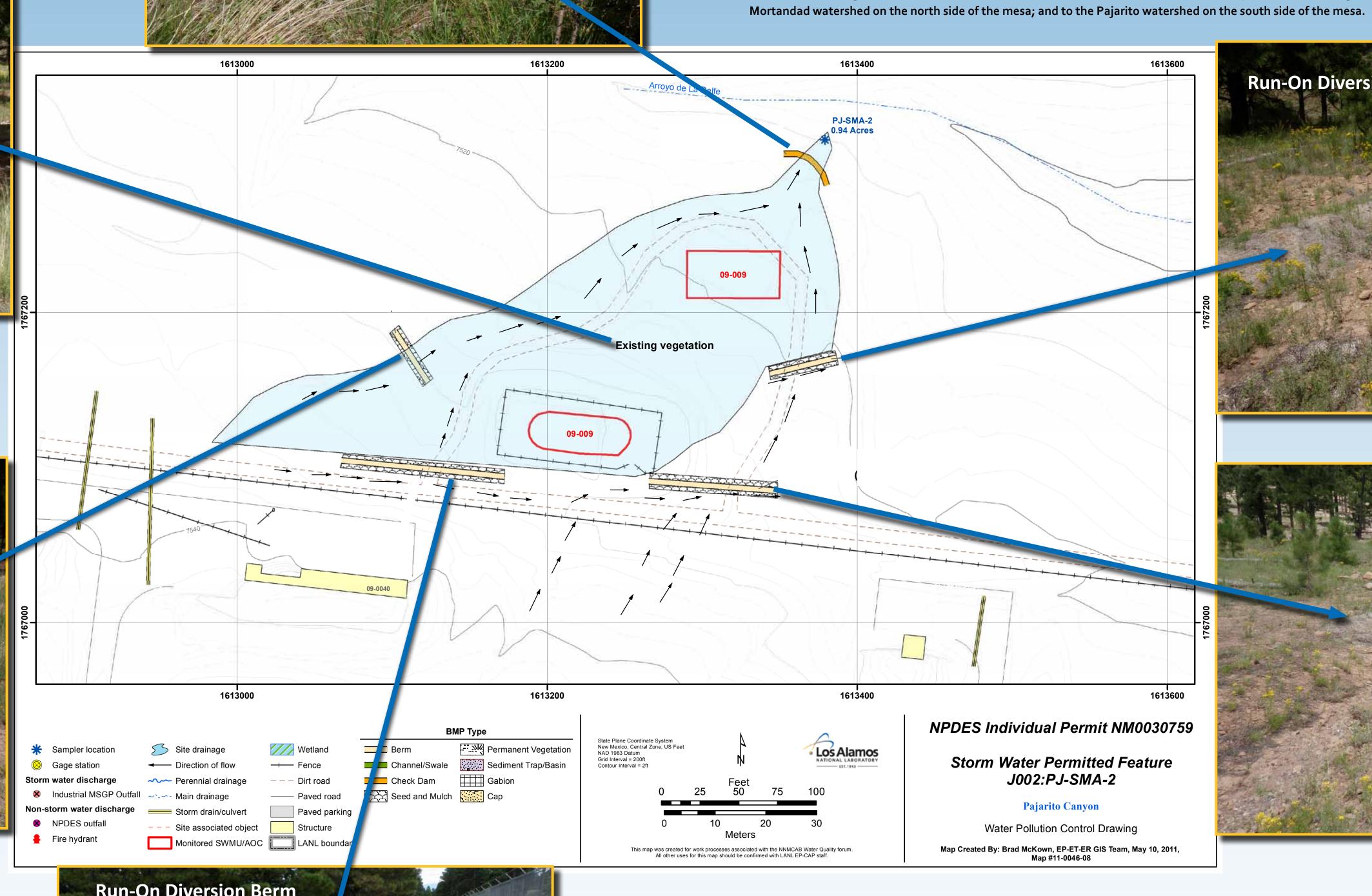
flow, prevent erosion, and guard against sediment migration



Summary of Completed and Certified Baseline Control Measures



(*) Three Sites discharge to two different watersheds: 54-017, 54-018, and 54-020 are mesa-top Sites that discharge to the



Control Measures Selection Process

- Identify Potential Pollutant Sources
 - Historical Industrial Activities
 - Urban Influences
 - Public Influences
- Assess Site Characteristics (Slope, Cover, etc.)
- Evaluate Run-On and Runoff
- Select Site Specific Controls

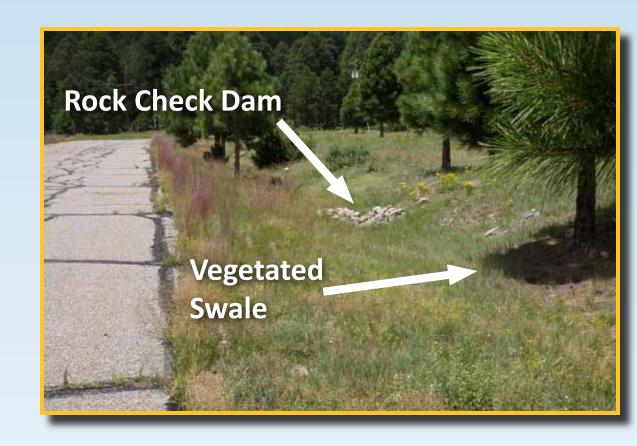
Run-On Controls



Lined channels can convey run-on across a site while minimizing the potential for erosion.



Earthen diversion berms can reduce or control run-on generated from decommissioned roads.



dams help to reduce erosion and sediment migration associated with road run-on.

Runoff Controls



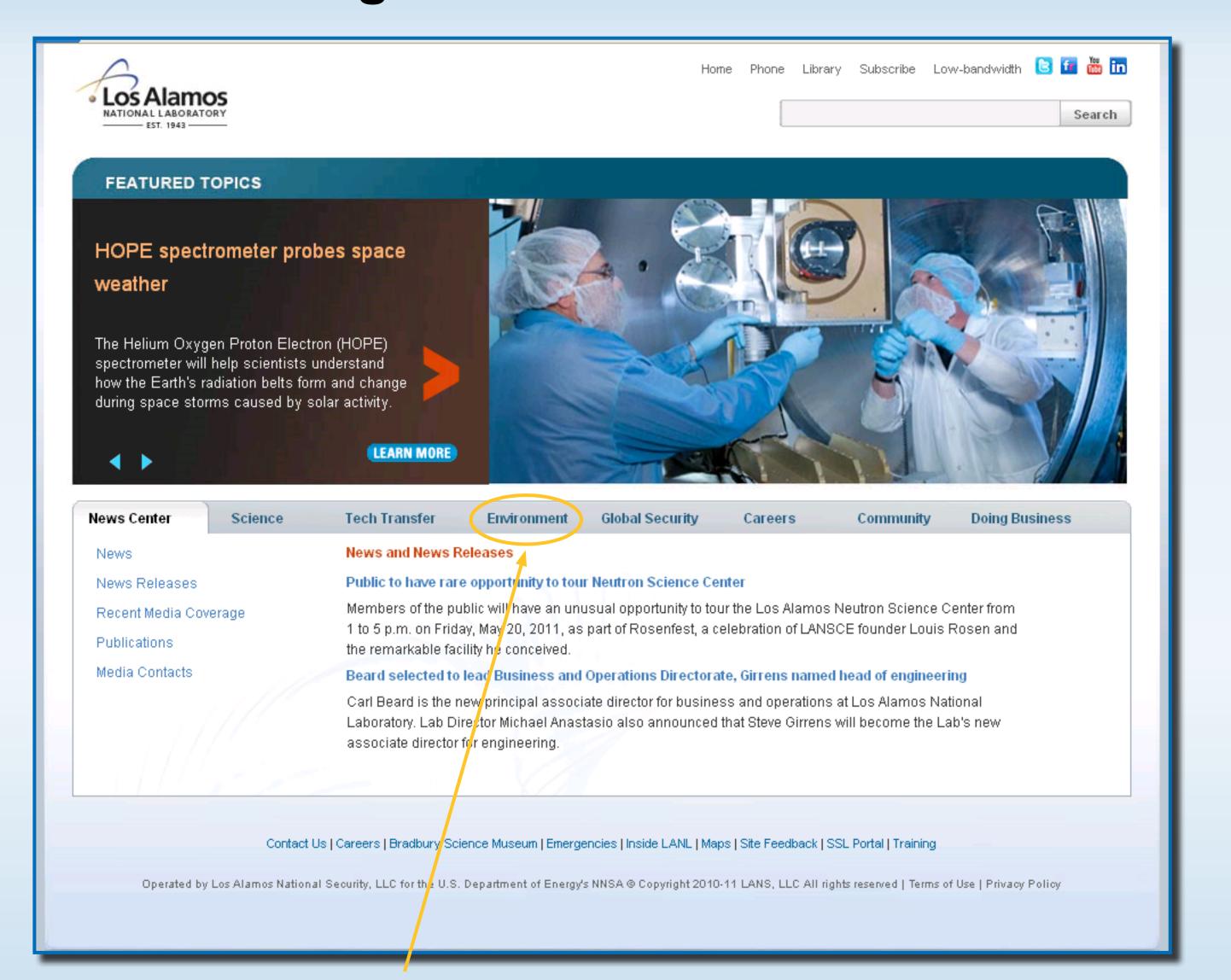


Earthen berms capture sediment, intercept flow, and manage runoff.

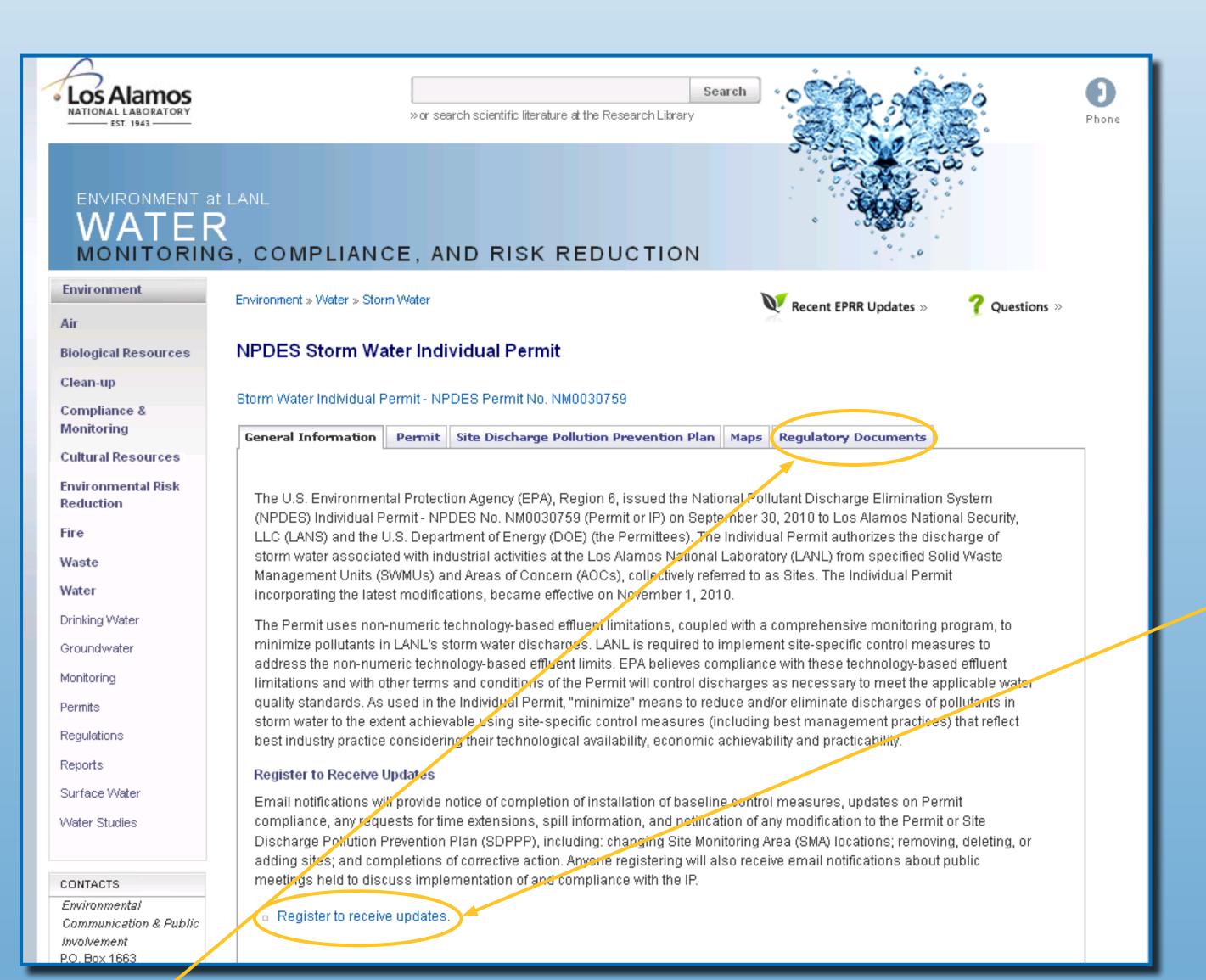
Individual Permit (IP) Website

The public website provides information on the Permit, including the Site Discharge Pollution Prevention Plan (SDPPP), Annual Reports, Inspection Reports, DMRs, transmittal correspondence between Permittees and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other relevant data and documents.

How to Navigate to the IP Website:



Select "Environment" from LANL's home page.

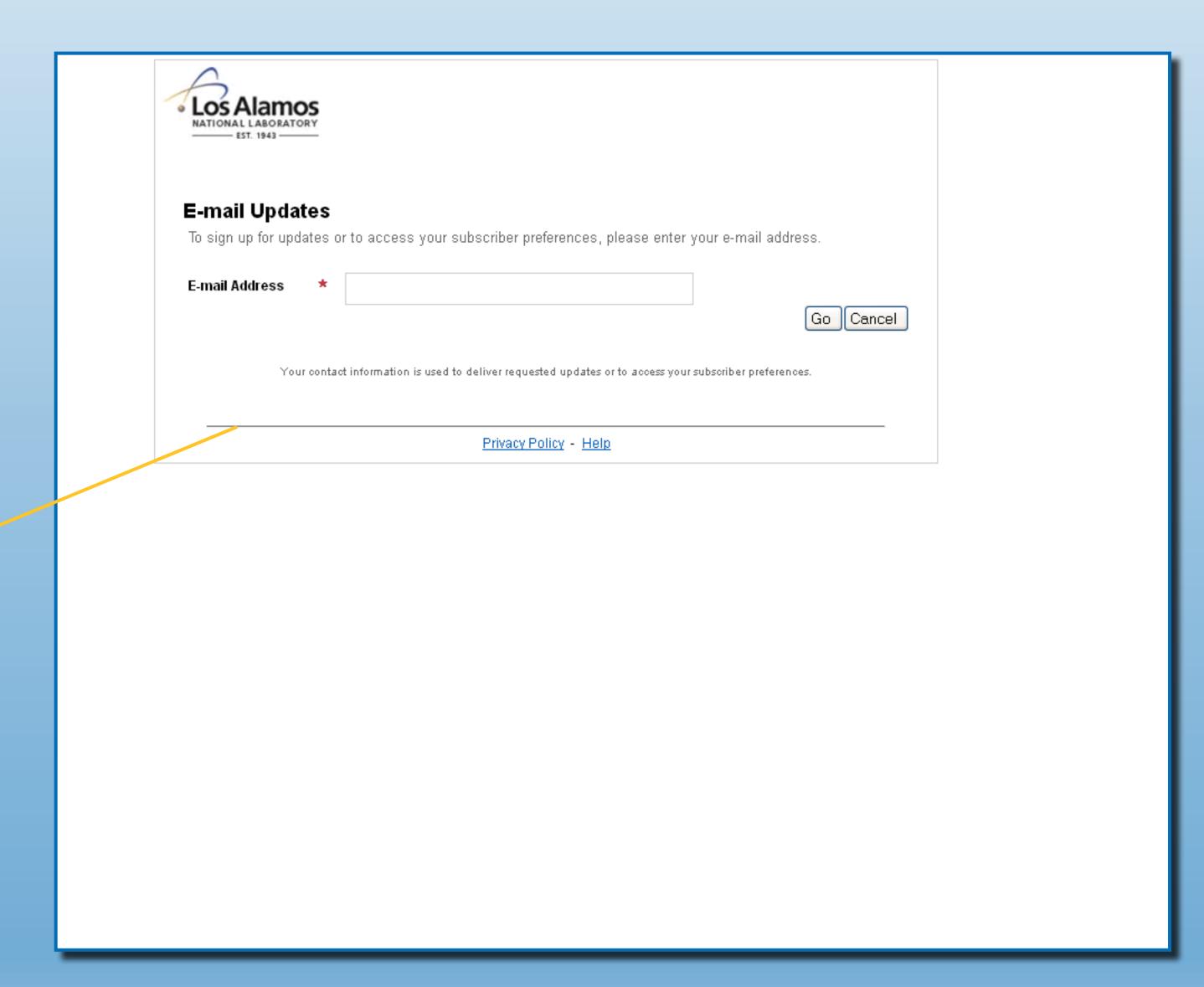


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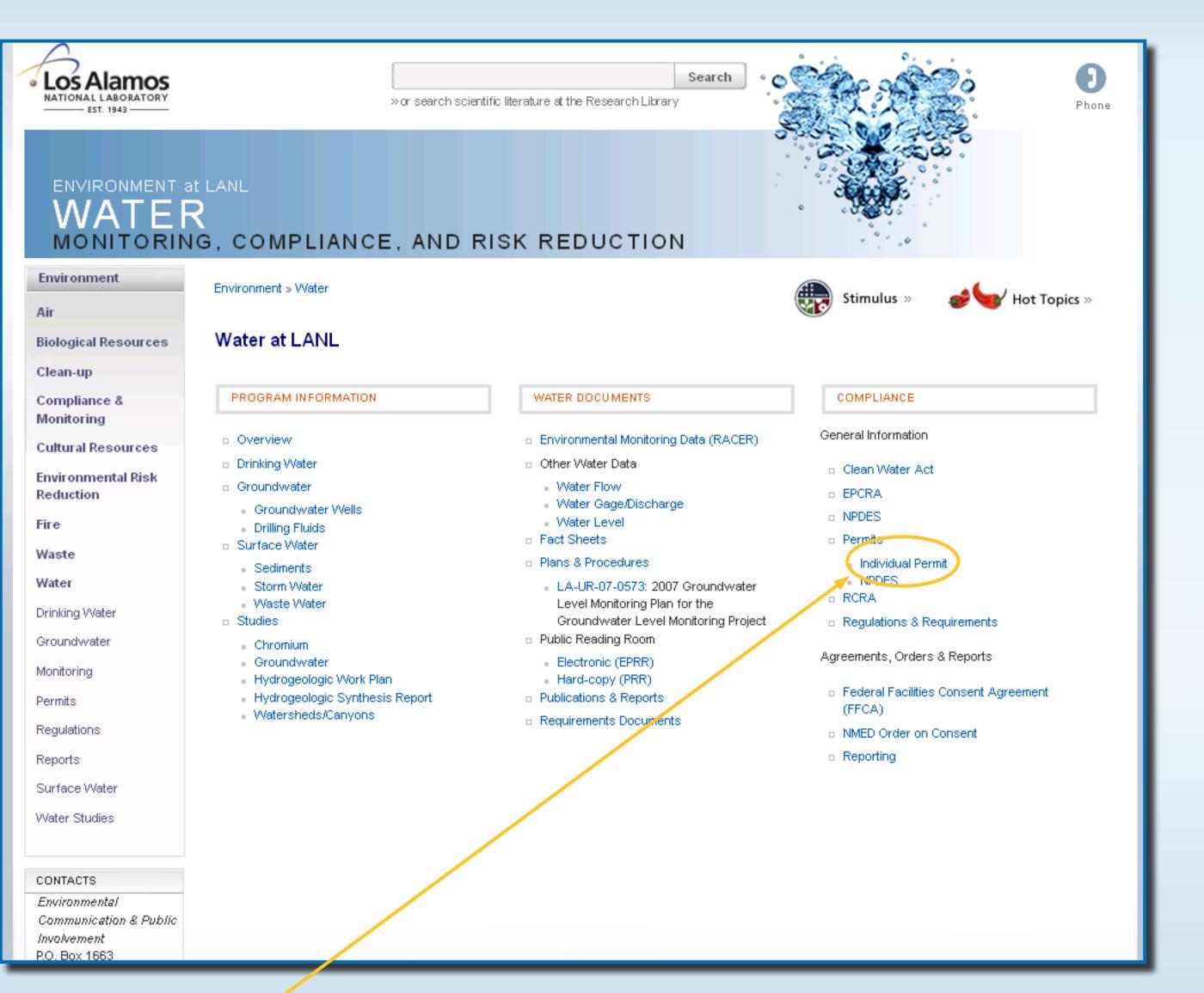
FEATURED TOPICS Science Tech Transfer Environment Global Security Careers Community Doing Business Environment Recovery Act Projects at LANL LANL Environmental Surveillance Environmental Projects The Lab received \$212 million in Recovery Act funds to perform The LANL Environmental Surveillance Biological Resources Report is compiled annually and environmental remediation projects provides the most comprehensive, Communications Center Clean-up, Compliance & Monitoring consolidated "report card" on Cultural Resources environmental conditions site-wide at Environmental Risk Reduction Water Center of Excellence for Electrical Contact Us | Careers | Bradbury Science Museum | Emergencies | Inside LANL | Maps | Site Feedback | SSL Portal | Training Operated by Los Alamos National Security, LLC for the U.S. Department of Energy's NNSA @ Copyright 2010-11 LANS, LLC All rights reserved | Terms of Use | Privacy Policy

Select "Water" from the left navigation menu.

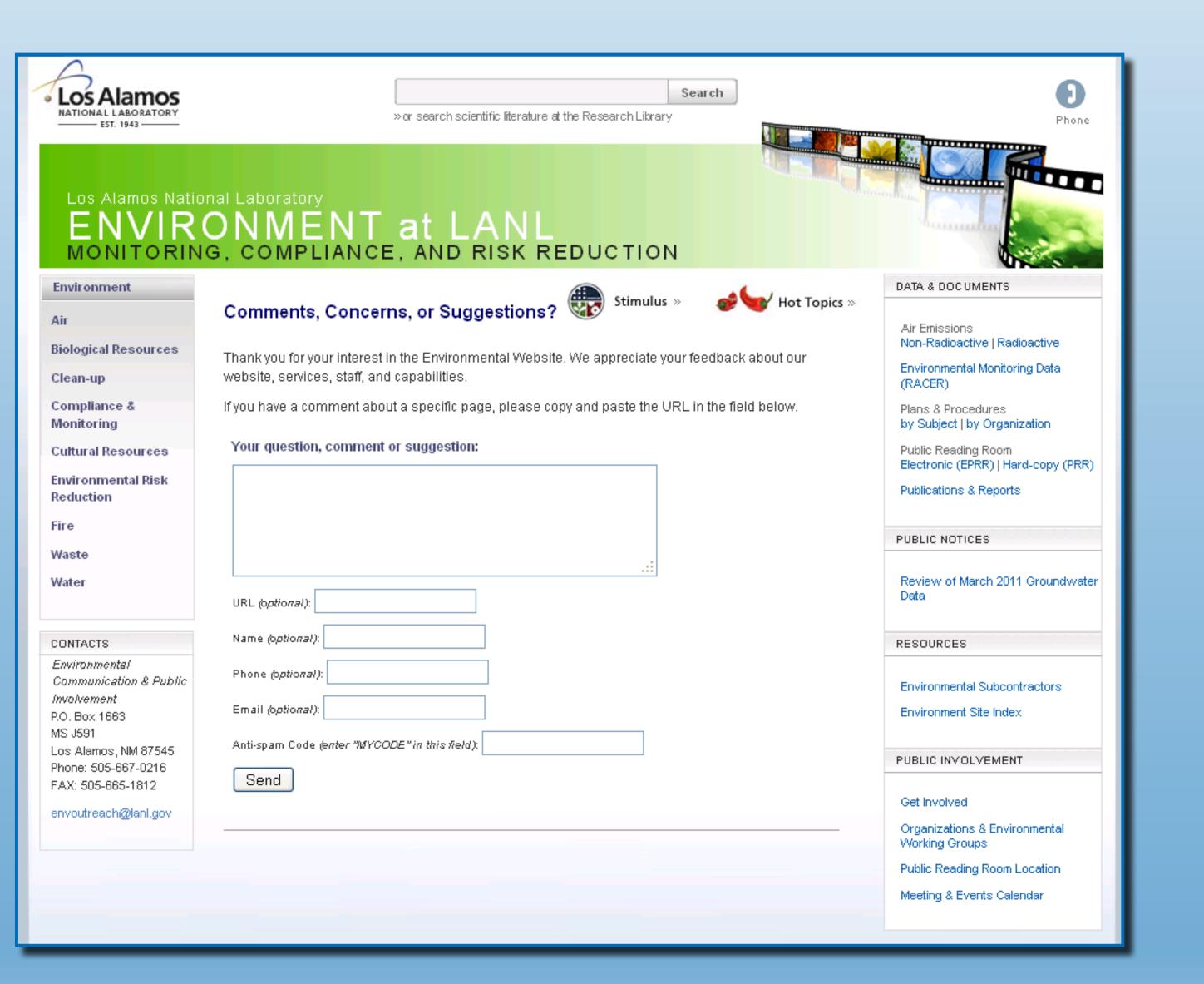


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Register to receive email notifications when new documents are added to the IP website and when the next public meeting is scheduled.

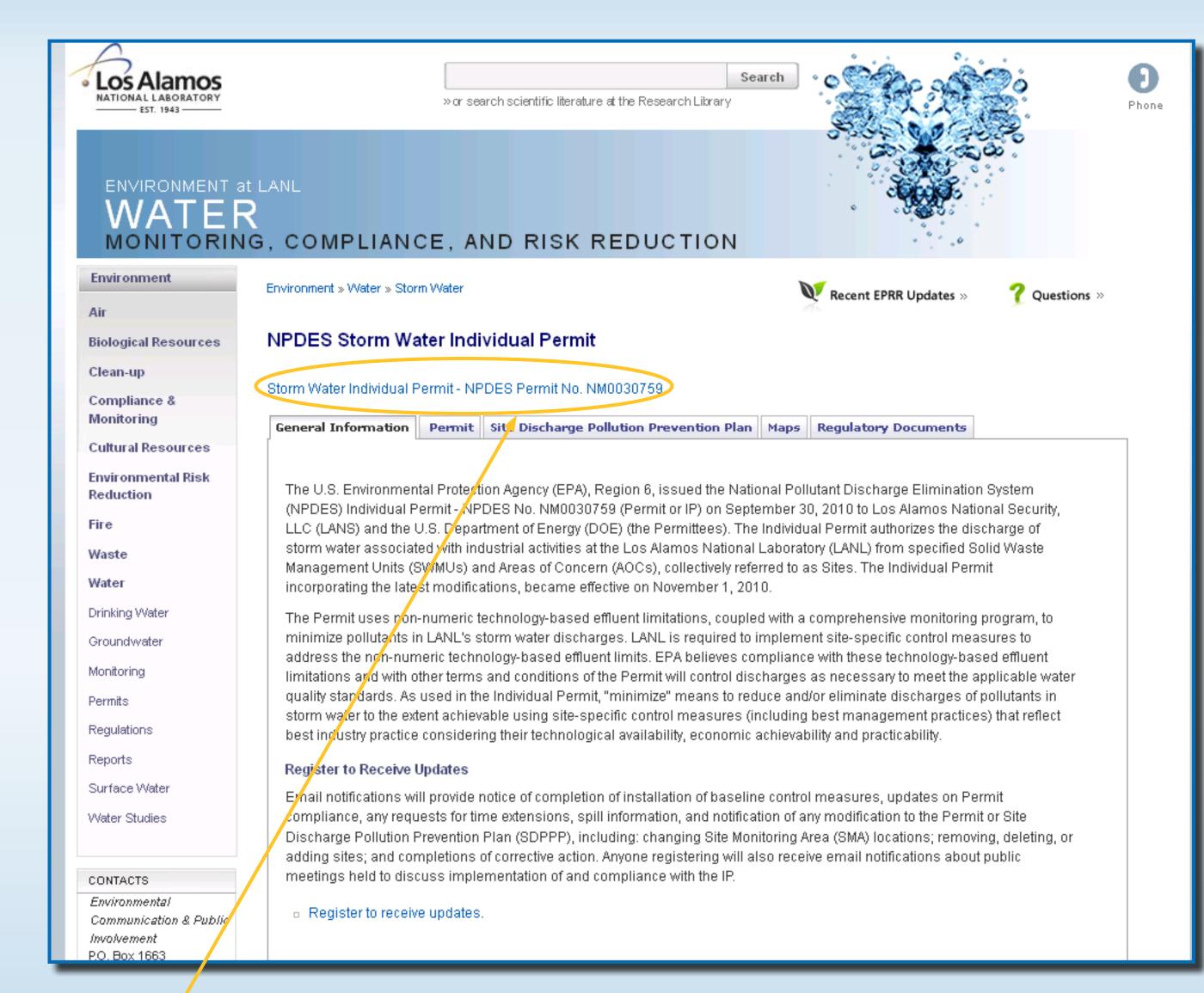


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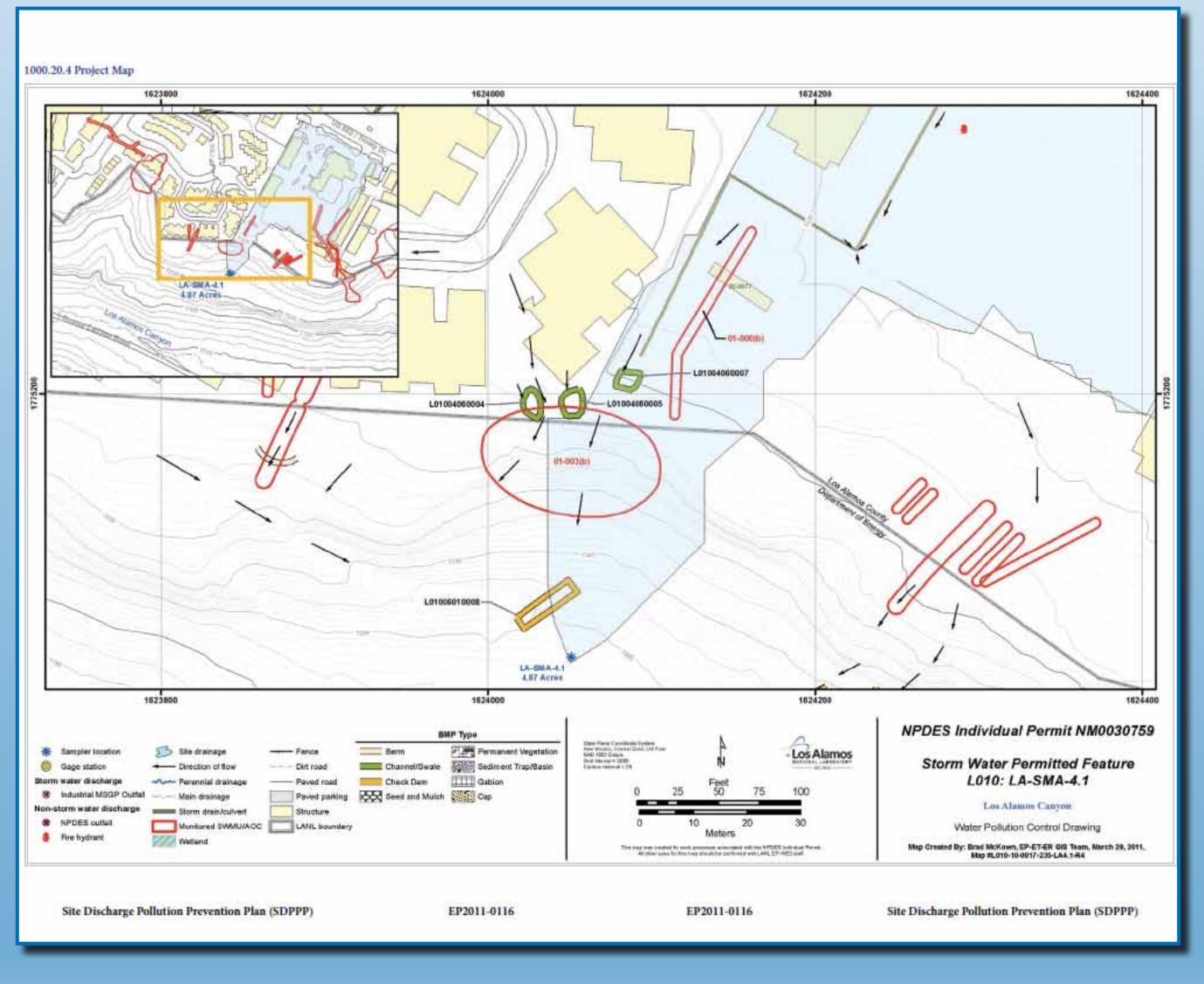


Frequently Asked Questions

Got a question? Submit your questions to the Storm Water/ Individual Permit Team at http://www.lanl.gov/environment/comments.shtml or by submitting your comment/ question at the public meeting.



Click here to view the Individual Permit – NPDES No. NM0030759.

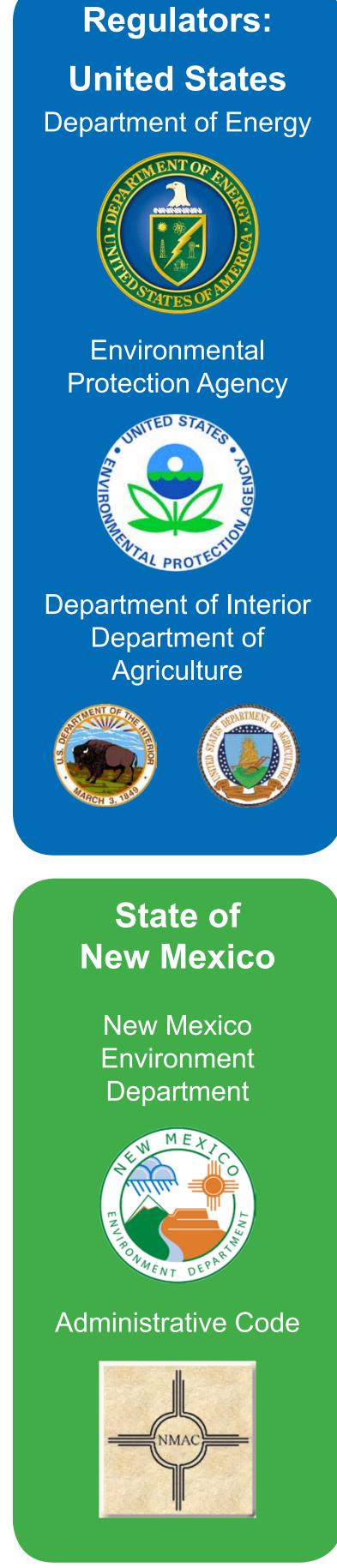


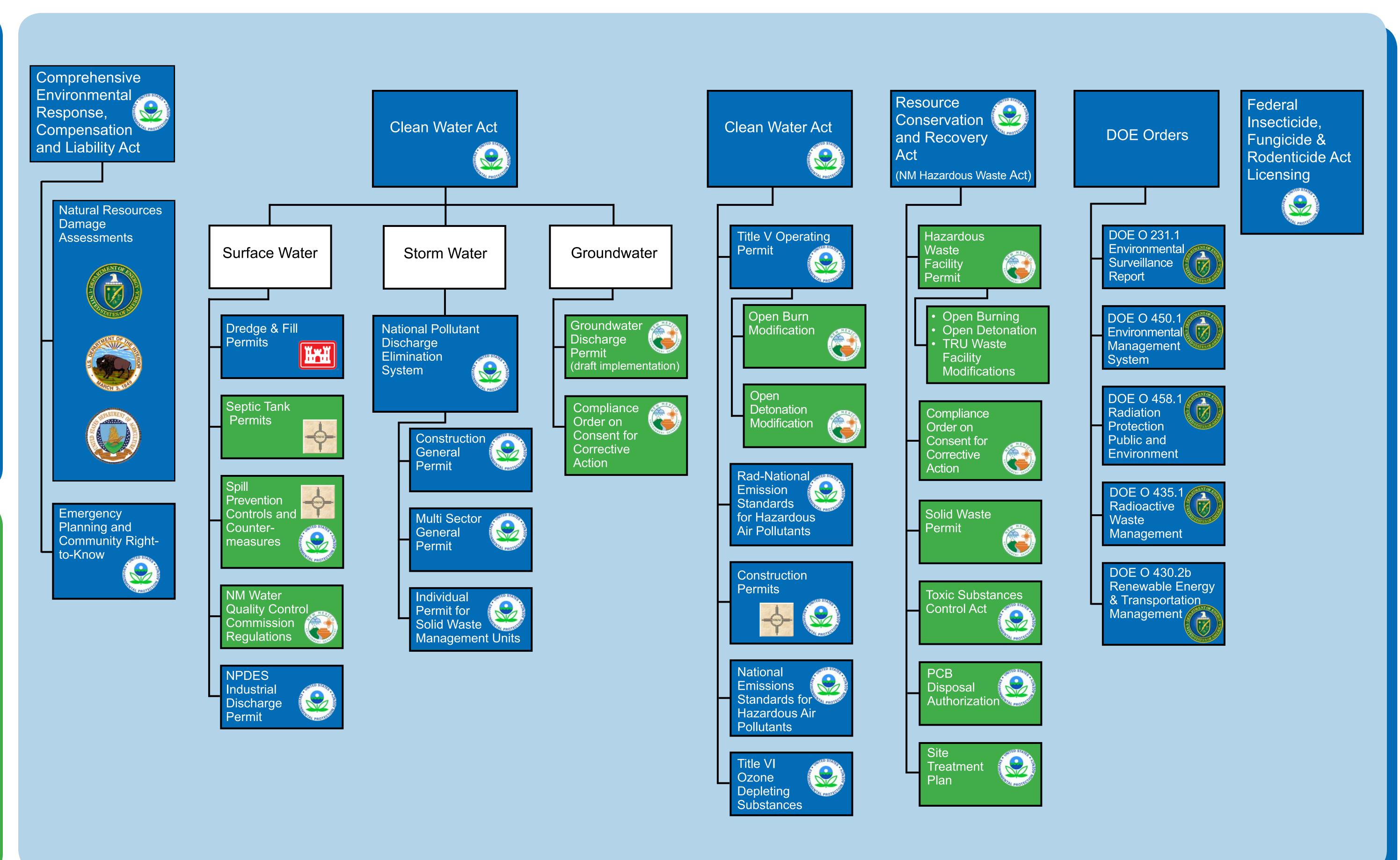
Maps

The Maps in the SDPPP show surface hydrological features, structures, SMA sampler locations, and control measures installed to minimize contaminant movement from historic waste disposal areas known as Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU).

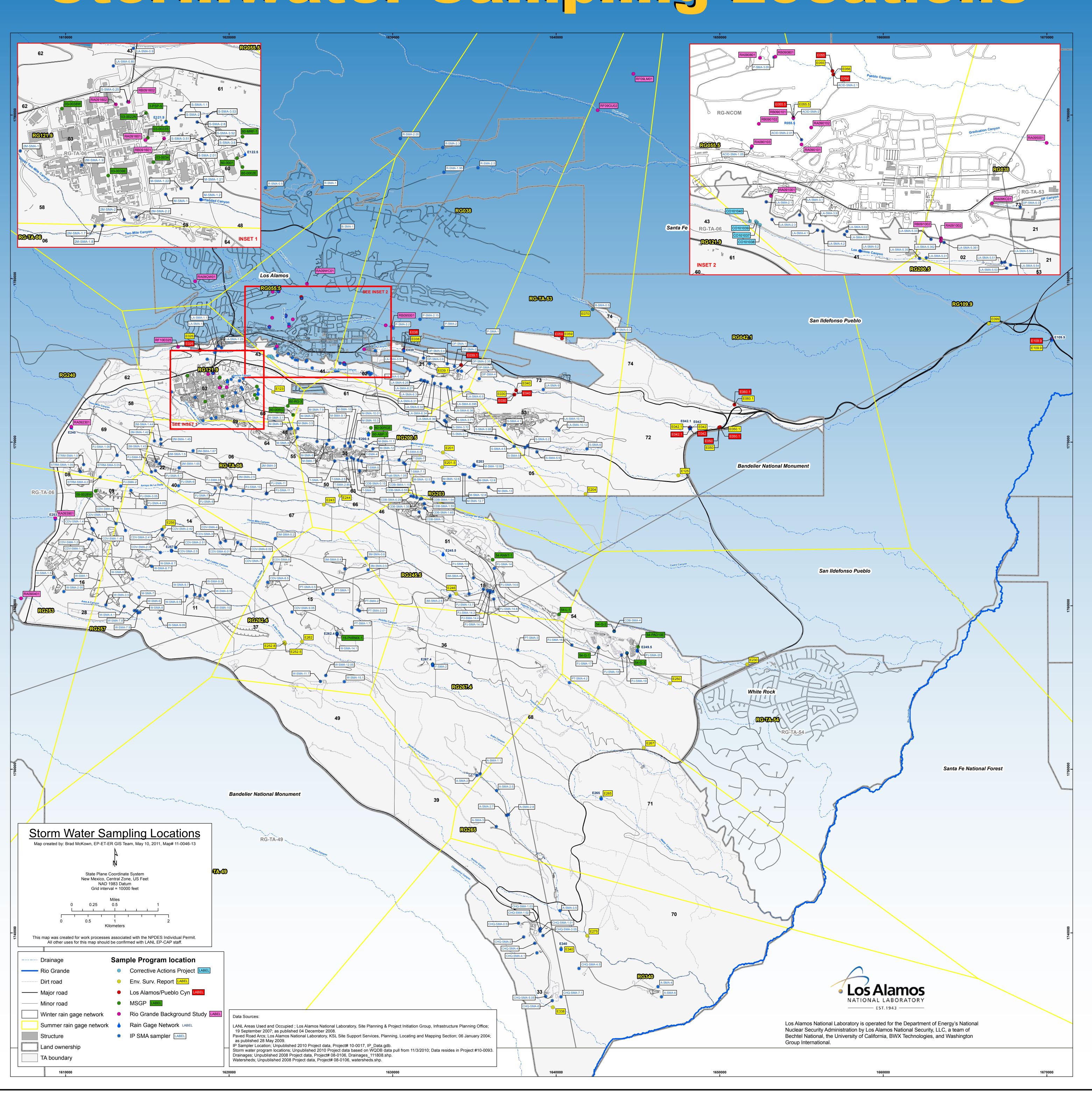
Environmental Regulatory Framework for Los Alamos National Laboratory

Permits and Enforceable Documents



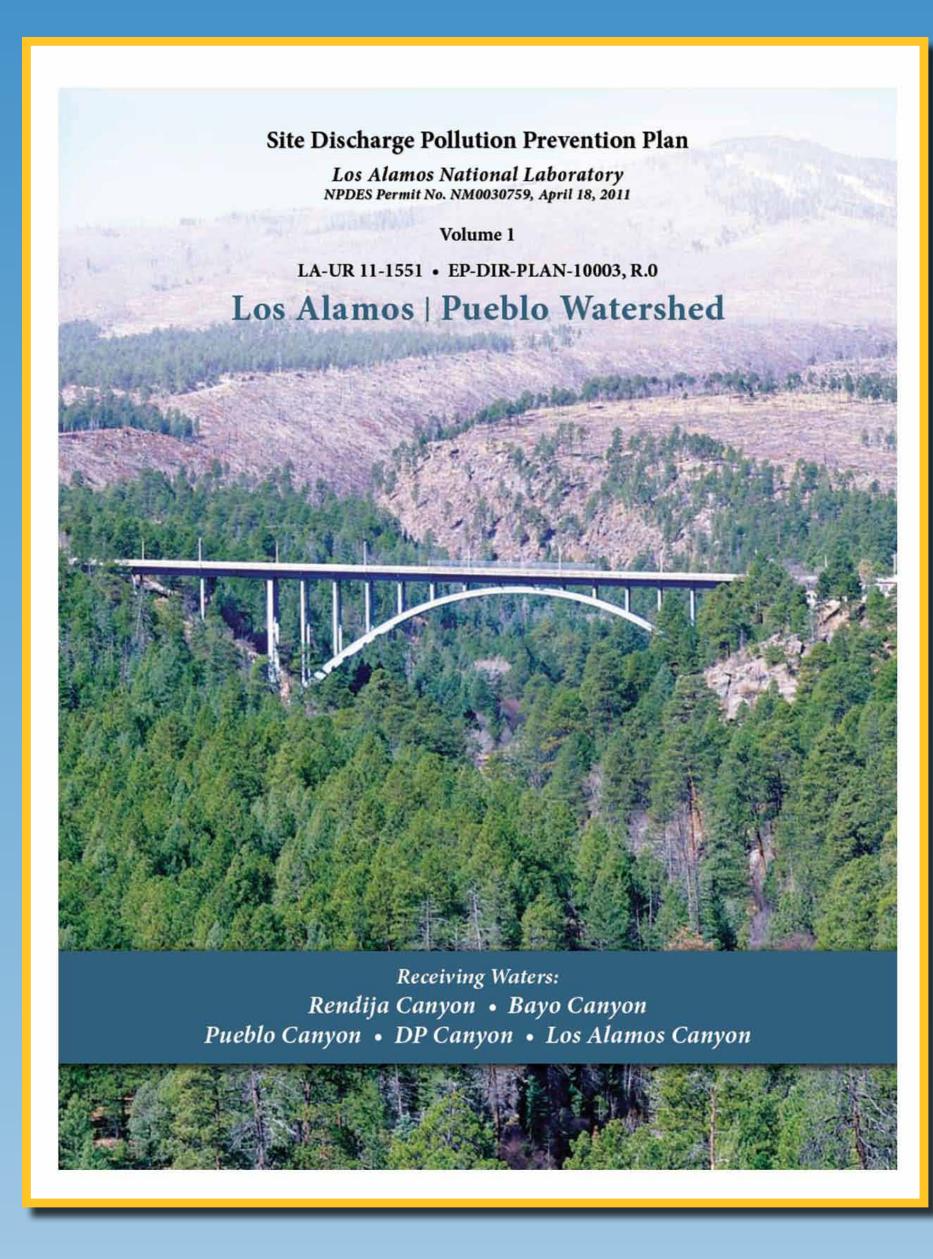


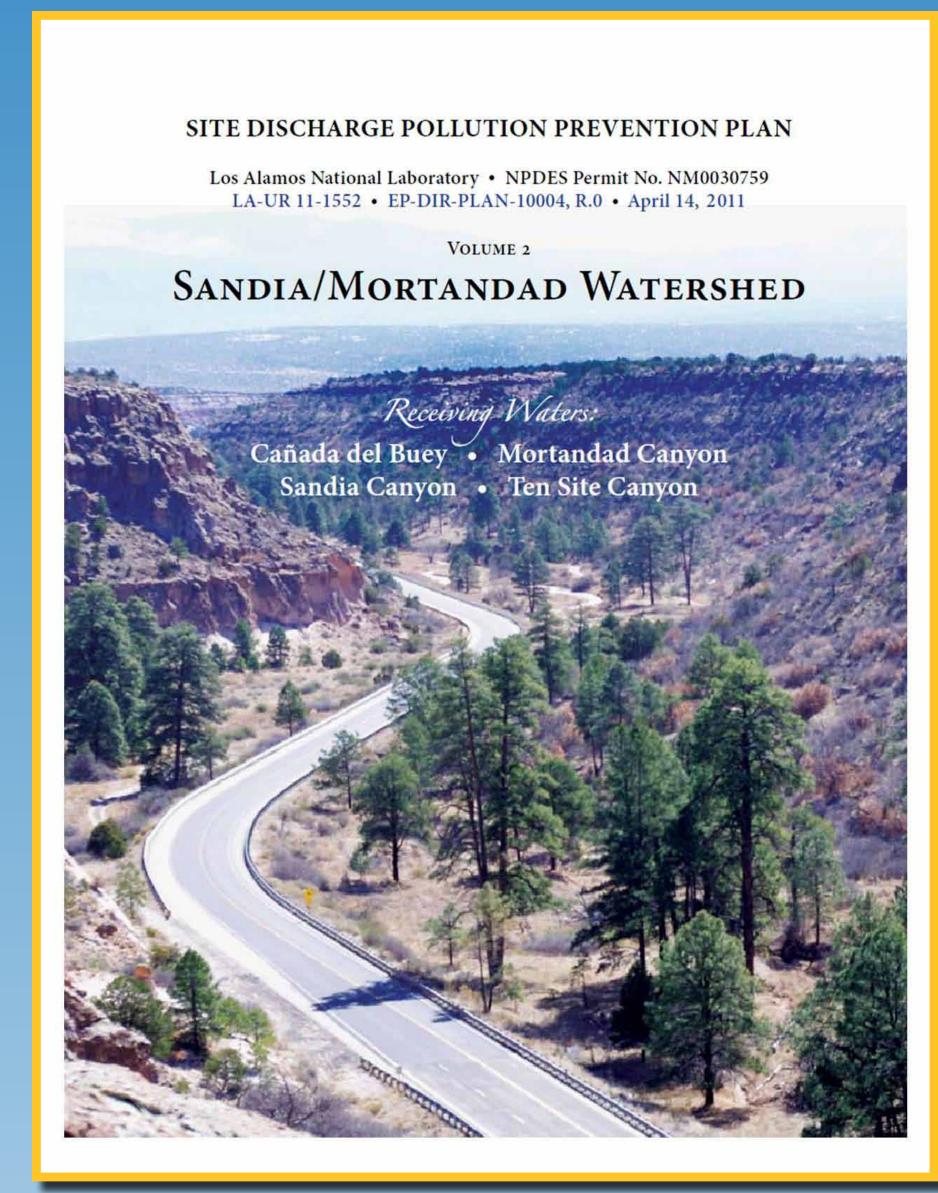
Los Alamos National Laboratory Stormwater Sampling Locations

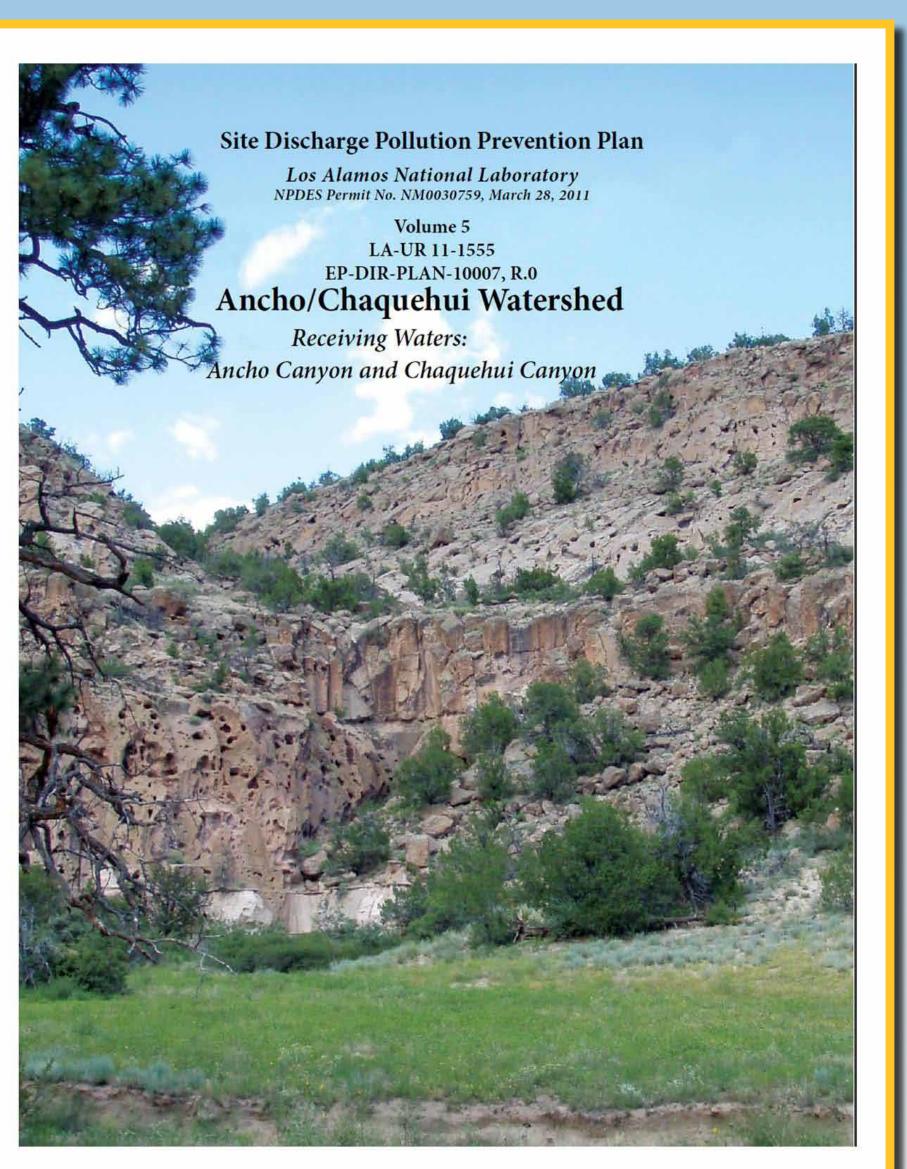


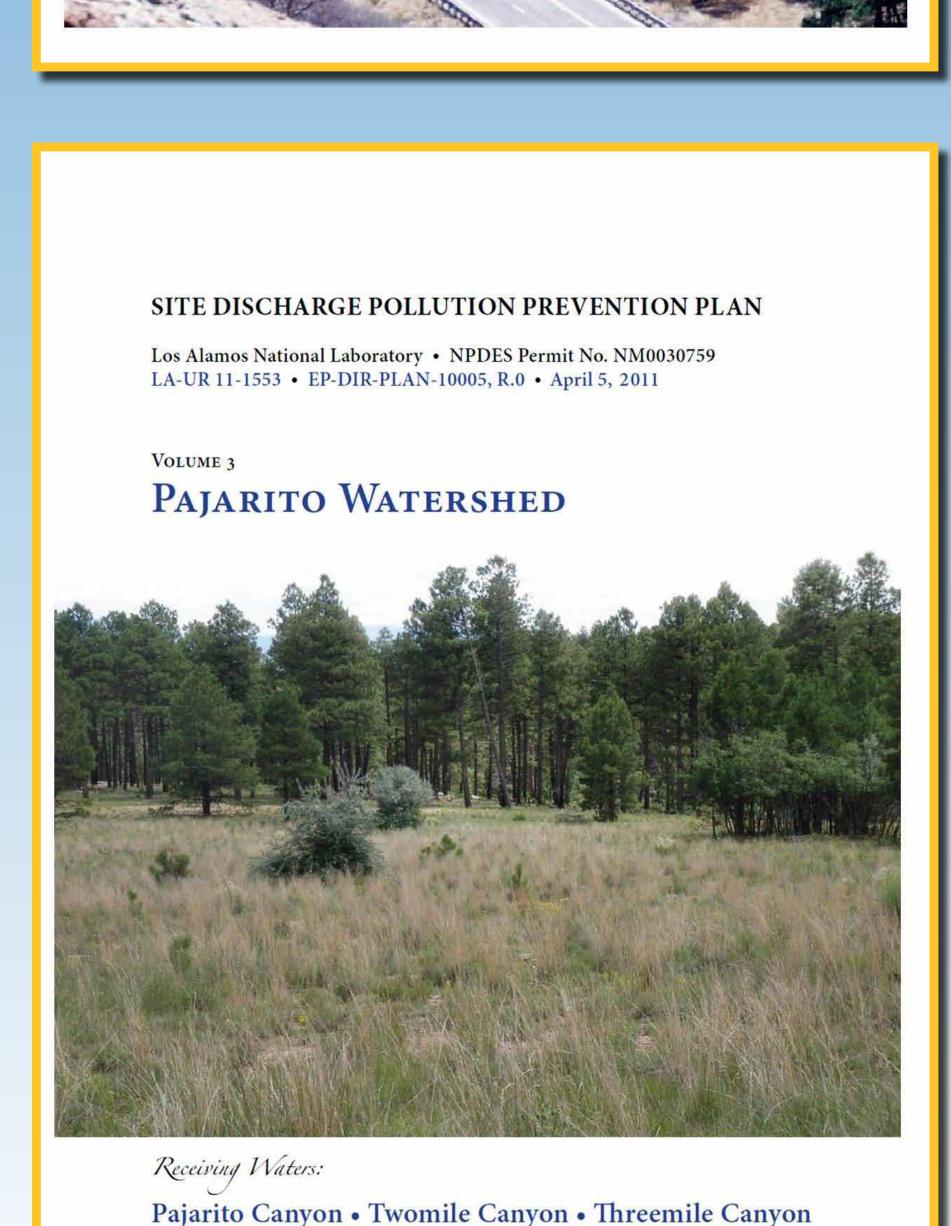
Site Discharge Pollution Prevention Plan

The Site Discharge Pollution Prevention Plan (SDPPP) is comprised of five volumes, each volume covers one or more of the seven major Pajarito Plateau watersheds and are organized geographically from north to south.









Site Monitoring Areas and Sites Summarized by Watershed

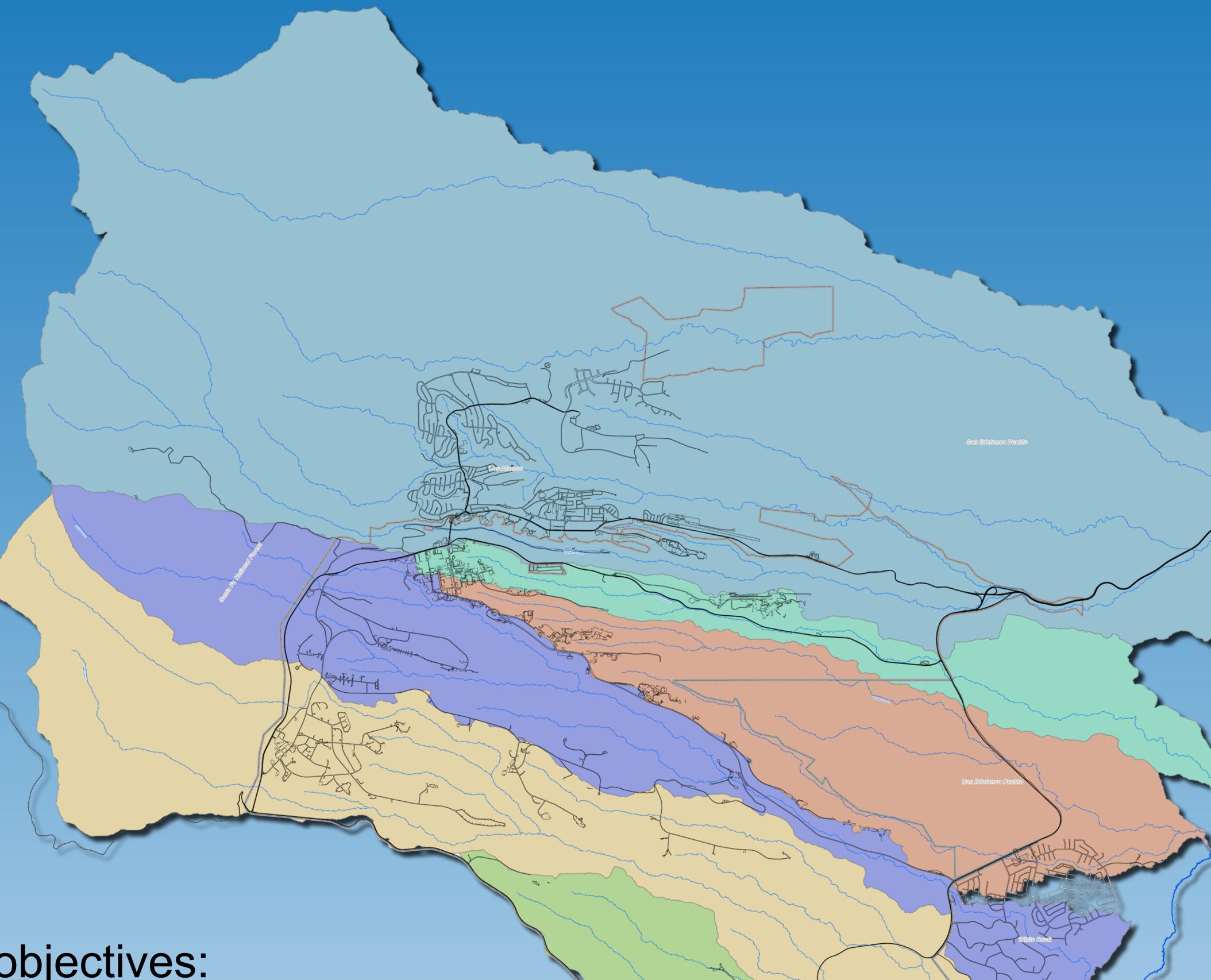
	Number	Number of Sites		
Watershed	Number of Site Monitoring Areas	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Total
Los Alamos/Pueblo	64	30	71	101
Sandia	19	15	8	23
Mortandad	45	17	79	96
Pajarito	51	4	56	60
Water/Cañon de Valle	50		89	89
Ancho	9		15	15
Chaquehui	12		24	4
Total:	250	63*	342	405*

* There 63 High Priority Sites listed in Section E of the Permit. Three (3) High Priority Sites discharge to two different watersheds: 54-017, 54-018, and 54-020 are mesatop Sites that discharge to the Mortandad watershed on the north side of the mesa; and to the Pajarito watershed on the south side of the mesa.

Site Discharge Pollution Prevention Plan

Water Canyon & Cañon de Valle

Water Canyon • Fence Canyon

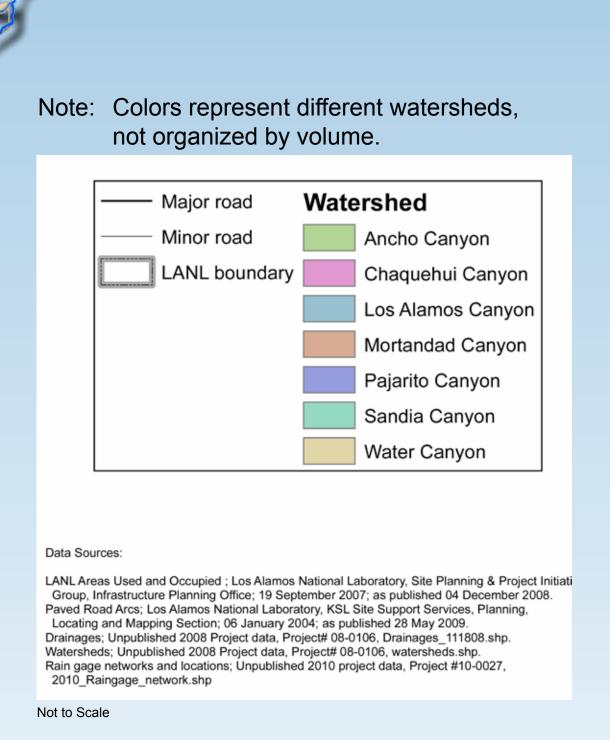


The SDPP has 3 primary objectives:

1. Identify and summarize potential pollutant sources

2. Identify and describe the control measures intended to reduce or eliminate pollutants in storm water discharges

3. Report Monitoring results to track the effectiveness of control measures.





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Site Monitoring and Management

What is a Site?

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended, Los Alamos National Laboratory, managed and owned by co-Permittees Los Alamos National Security, LLC, and the U.S. Department of Energy, is authorized to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities from specified solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) (as identified in Appendix A and referred to herein as "Sites") from the facility located at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Examples of Sites at LANL:

- Former Outfalls
- Former Landfills
- Firing Sites
- Potential Soil Contamination

What is an SMA?

A Site Monitoring Area (SMA) is the area used to collect a representative stormwater sample from one or more Sites. The SMA is a watershed defined by the location of the sampler. SMA sizes range from a fraction of an acre to hundreds of acres (see Figures).

SMA Location Guidance from IP

SMA locations are based on reasonable site accessibility for sampling purposes and the Permittees' best judgment to ensure that samples taken at a particular point will be representative of discharges from Sites in the drainage area.

LANL Representative Sampling Strategy:

Sampler locations were determined based on a series of considerations:

- Optimize sampling of stormwater coming from a Site or Sites (Site Capture) while minimizing contributions from off-Site stormwater.
- Position sampler as close to Site or Sites as possible.
- Optimize sampling efficiency (include multiple Sites where appropriate).
- Safety and accessibility issues

Program Status:

We are currently using 250 SMAs to monitor stormwater from 405 Sites



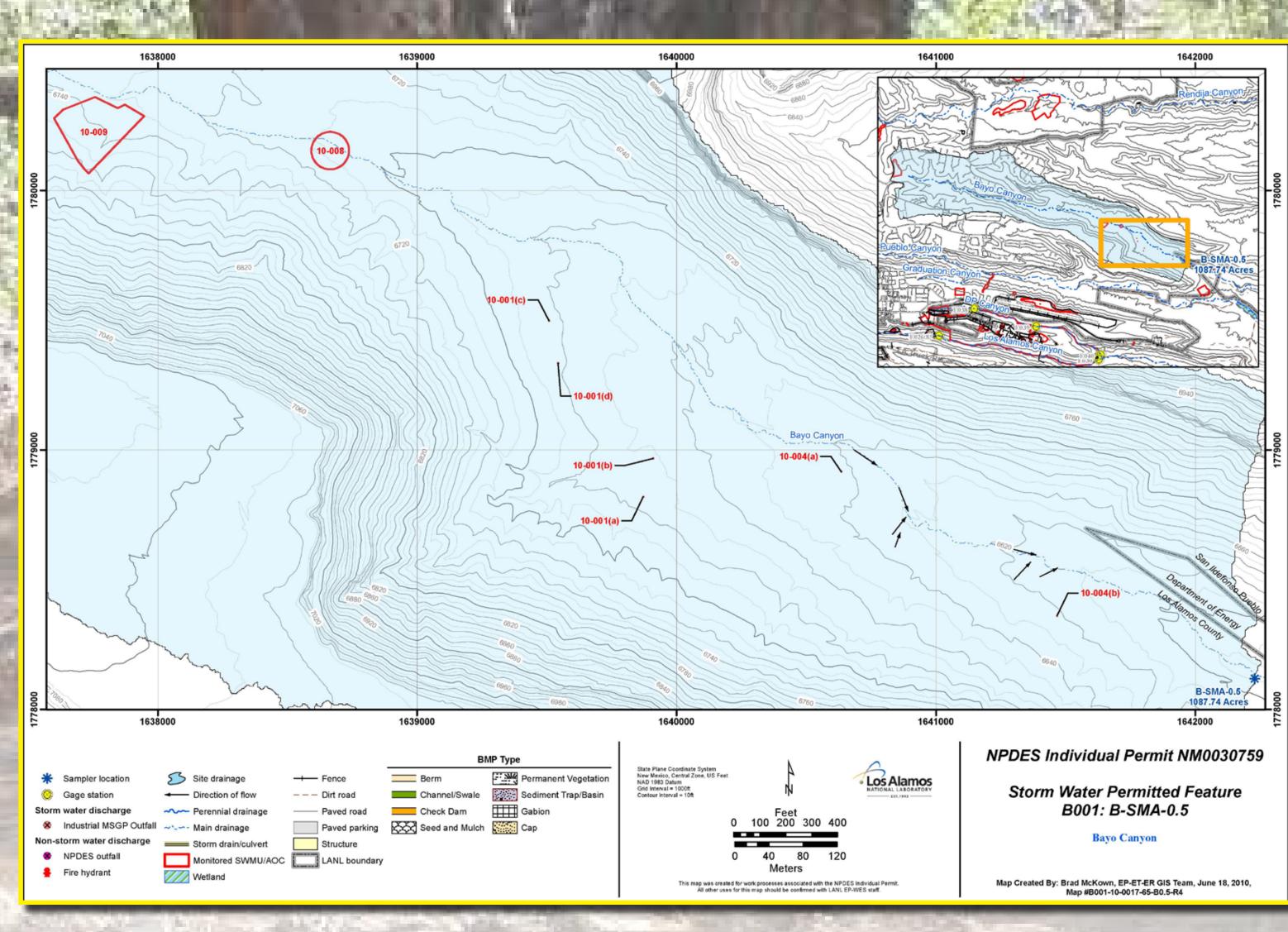
Battery-powered automated samplers are used to collect stormwater samples during runoff events. Sensors turn the sampler on when flow is detected and pump water into bottles located inside the sampler housing. The samplers record the date and time the sample was collected.



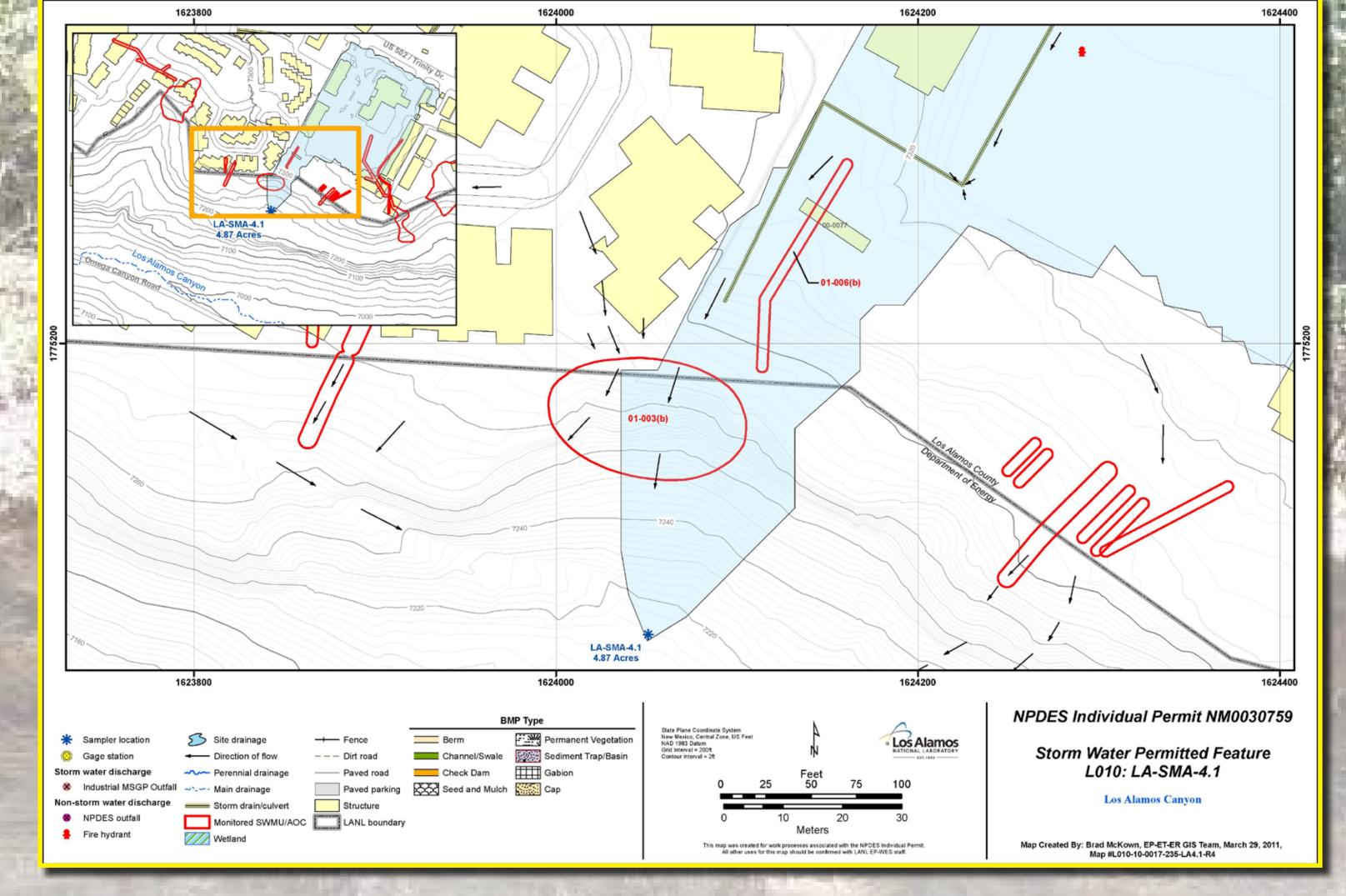
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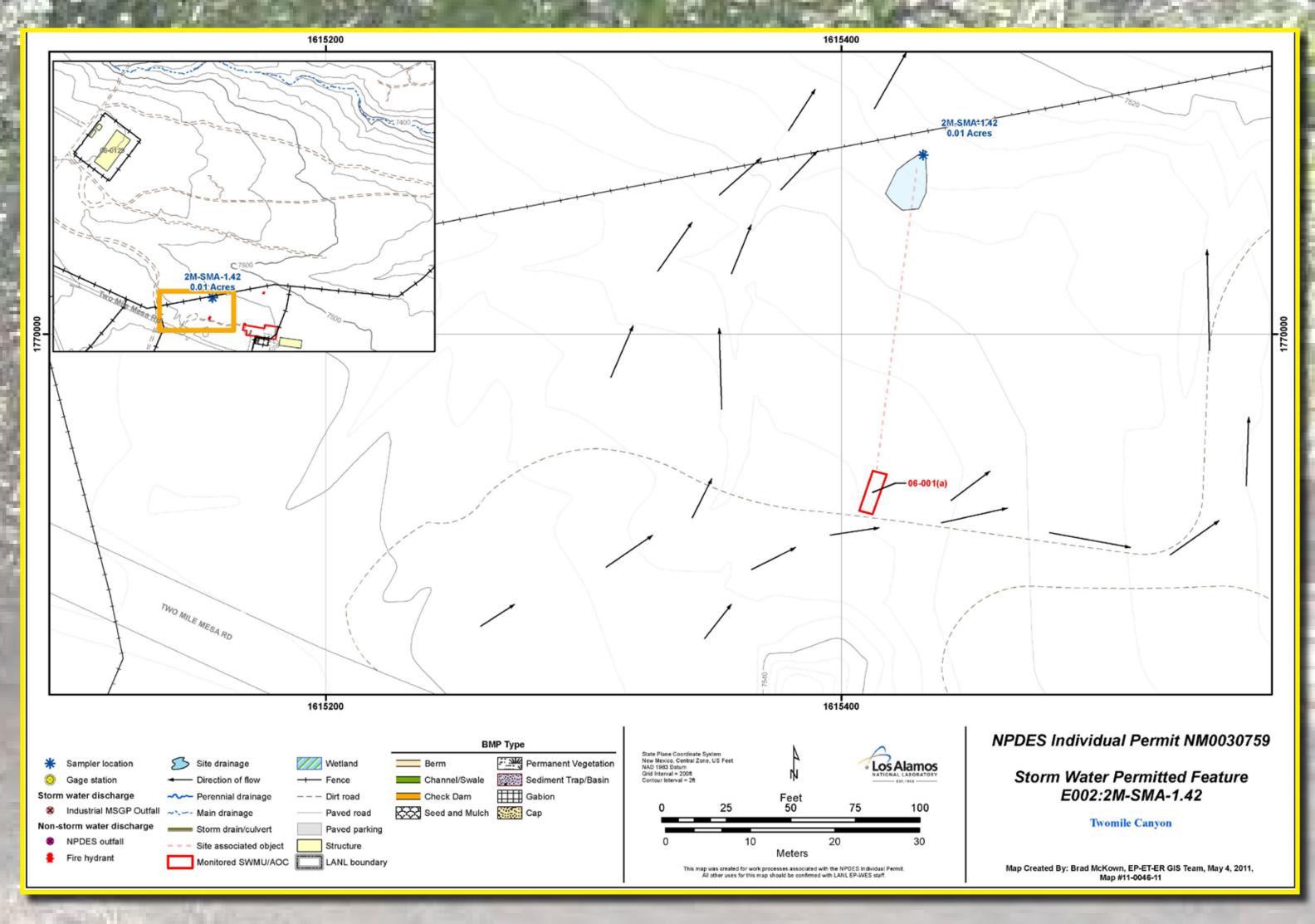
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B-SMA-0.5 is an example of a large SMA (>1,000 acres) with multiple (8) Sites. This SMA is located in Bayo Canyon, mostly on Los Alamos County property. Because the Sites are clustered in the canyon bottom, the only sampler location representative of all Sites is in the main drainage.



LA-SMA-4.1 is located on the north side of Los Alamos Canyon, on both LANL and Los Alamos County property. It is a moderately sized SMA (approx 5 acres) with two Sites and a substantial amount of stormwater coming from the developed area in the upper 2/3 of the watershed.

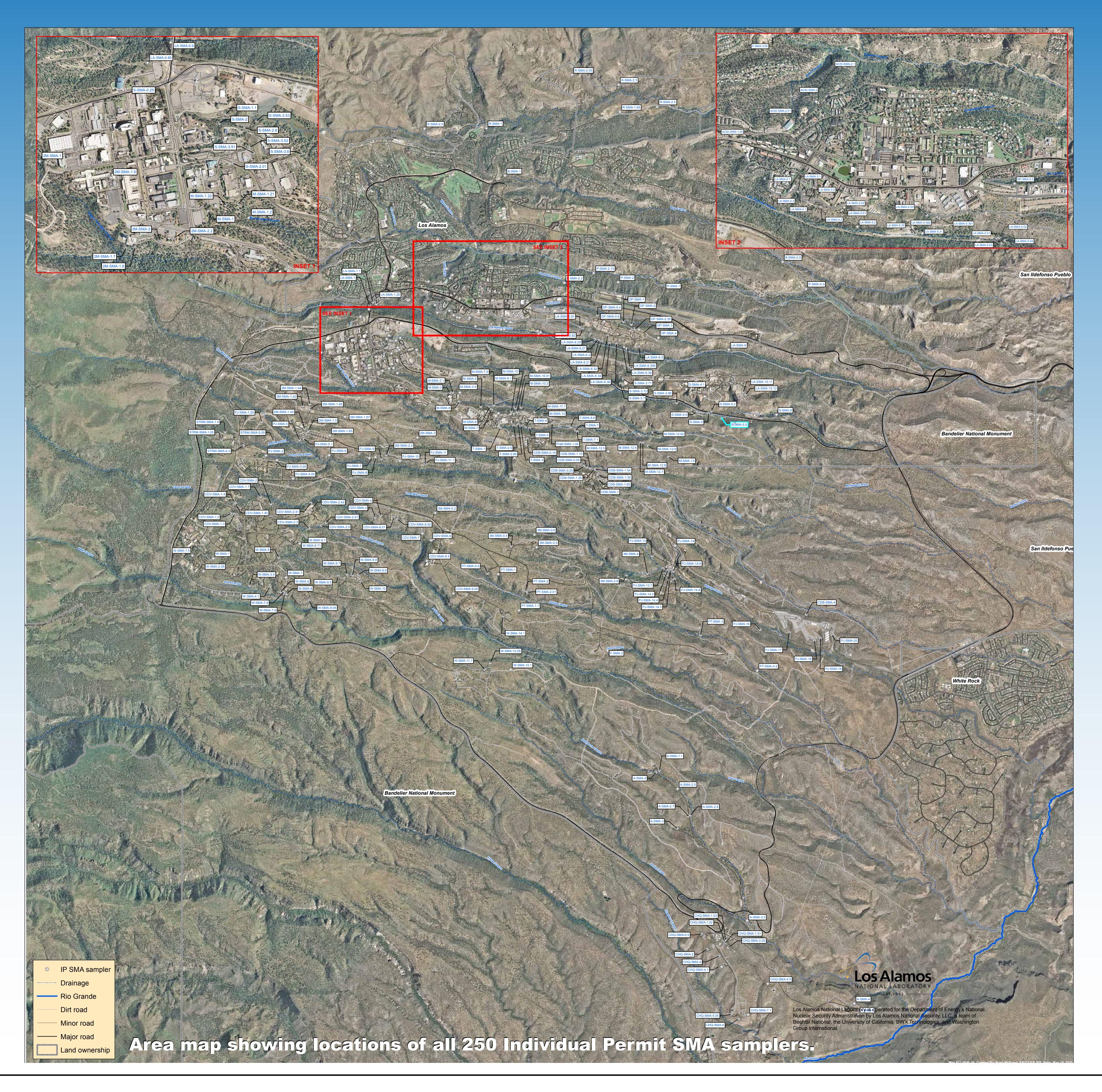


2M-SMA-1.42 is located in 2 Mile Canyon, on LANL property. This is a small SMA (<0.01 acres) with only one Site, an abandoned septic tank with an outfall pipe. The sampler is located below the outfall.

How to Interpret an SMA map

Buildings are yellow and roads are lined in black. SMA boundaries are shown in light blue. The sampler location is shown as a blue star and will be found at the lowest elevation of the SMA. Sites are drawn and labeled in red. Any Site that is not labeled is attributed to an adjacent SMA, not the map you are viewing. Black flow arrows indicate the primary direction of stormwater flow within the SMA.

Los Alamos National Laboratory Stormwater Individual Permit Areas



What is a Storm Water Permit?

permits authorize permittees to discharge storm water from specific activities or facilities as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

What is NPDES?

Permitting program to protect and improve water quality

Part of the federal Clean Water Act

Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Types of NPDES
Storm Water Permits

General & Individual

General Permits:
3 common types

Construction General Permit (CGP)

A Permit is needed for:

- Soil disturbance of 1 acre or more
- Activity part of a "common plan of development" disturbing 1 acre or more

Activities subject to the CGP:

- Site clearing
- Grading
- Excavation
- Soil stockpiling

Examples of CGP Sites:

- Subdivisions (home building)
- Commercial buildings
- Highway projects

Cover multiple facilities or activities within a specific category

Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP)

Permit features:

- "Sector specific" industrial activities.
- Based on Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)
 Codes
- Primarily manufacturing type activity

Examples of MSGP facilities:

- Landfills
- Concrete & asphalt plants
- Auto salvage yards
- Machine shops
- Power plants
- Recycling facilities
- Sand & gravel operations
- Sawmills

Applicable to facilities and activities nationwide

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program (MS4)

An MS4 is:

- A conveyance owned by a city, state, town, or other public body
- A system that collects and conveys storm water
- Not combined with a sewer system and not part of a publically owned treatment works

Applies to:

- Urban areas with populations > 100,000
- Populations < 100,000 within an urbanized area
- Case-by-case outside an urbanized area

Individual Permit Need determined by EPA

Individual Permit

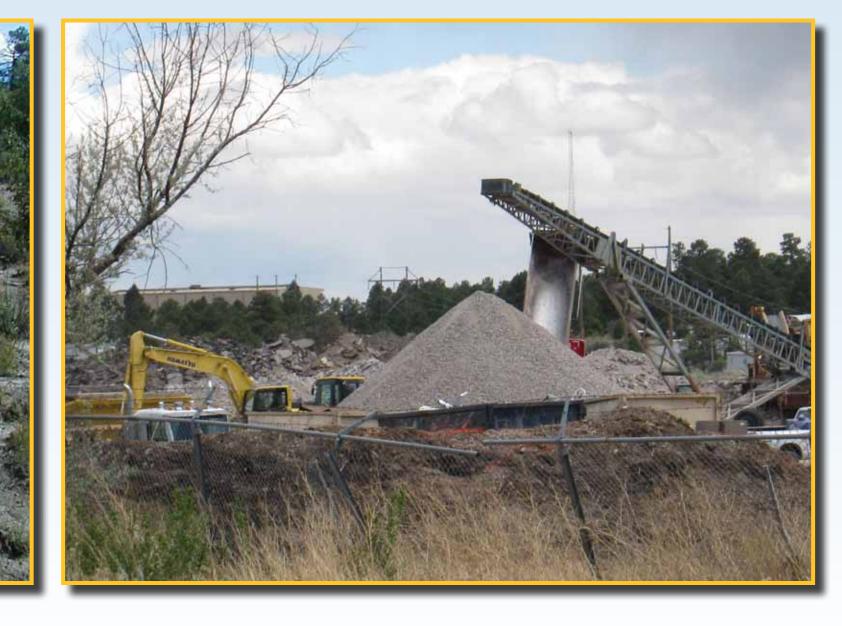
Permit features:

- Requirements specific to a particular facility or activity
- Applicable only for the individual facility or activity
- Issued for a maximum of five years
- May be patterned after or contain elements of the "general permits"

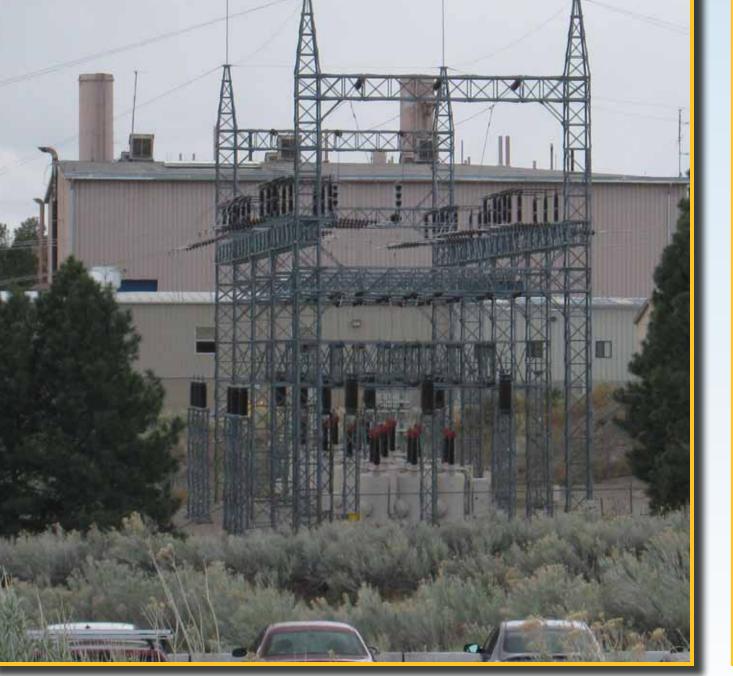
Facilities and activities subject to NPDES storm water permits are all around you!

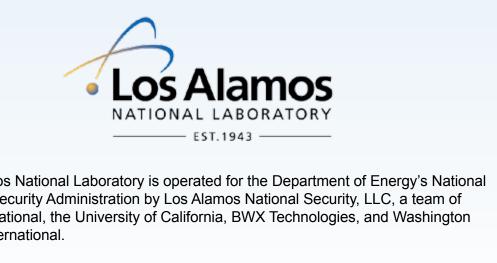




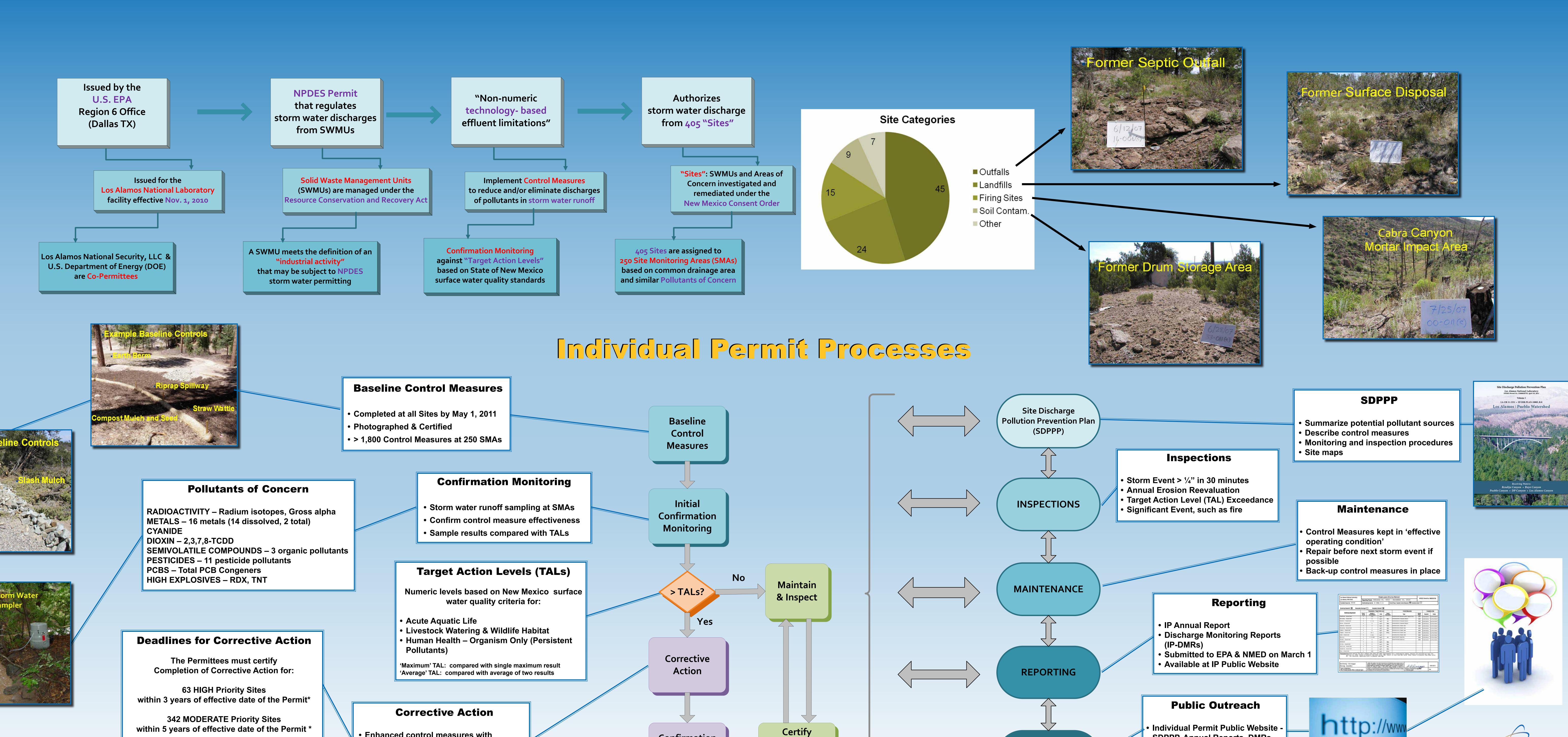








What is the LANL Storm Water Individual Permit?



Completion of

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Action

Confirmation

Monitoring

(if required)

Enhanced control measures with

Consent Order 'Certificate of Completion'

confirmation monitoring

No Exposure

Total Retention

*effective date of the Permit is November 1, 2010

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