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Outline

- LANL mission, environment and current network needs
- Network history from 1998 – 2010
- Next generation network requirements and TNC based architecture
- Costs, benefits, and risks with the new architecture
- Current project status and future plans



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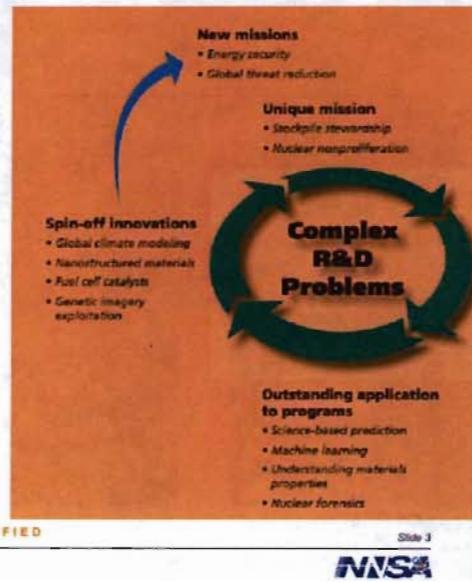


First describe the LANL environment for context (5 minutes)
Show we have been adapting from no firewall to 2010 (5 minutes)
Show the TNC standards based architecture and how it works to
meet new requirements (15 minutes)
Current and future benefits, costs, and risks.
Current status and next steps (5 minutes)

LANL Mission – National Security Science Laboratory

Develop and apply science, technology and engineering solutions to:

- Ensure the safety, security, and reliability of US nuclear deterrent
- Reduce global threats
- Solve emerging national security challenges



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7th decade of nuclear weapons stewardship

Global security challenges - WMD, terrorism, energy demand, natural events on regions and societies - call for innovative scientific and technological responses.!

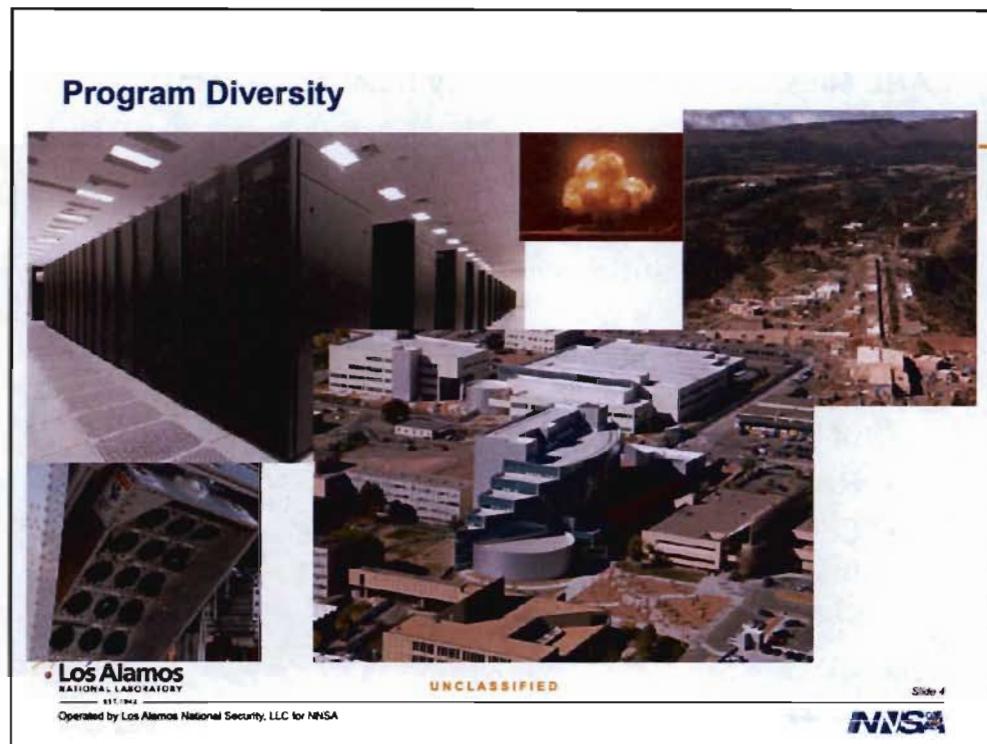
Partner with laboratories, universities, and industries (CRADAs)

Underlying Strategy

Invest in and leverage science that matters

Agility in creating teams with partners

Transform our scientific campus



Roadrunner

First tera scale high performance computer
 Unclassified clusters and storage for collaboration
 Predictive science through HPC modelling;
 Global ocean climate model

Nuclear weapon stockpile stewardship

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 User facility with visiting scientists from around the world

AngelFire

Advance digital image processing and decision support save lives in IRAQ
 Real time, high resolution surveillance over a wide area, zoom and replay
 Tested and fielded 18 months with Air Force Research Lab and USMC
 NSSB and main campus
 The usual IT: Building Automation, Communications mail, phones, video, HR, Financials

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- **People**
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SOC Los Alamos (Guard Force) 477
Contractors 524
Students 1,116
- **Place**
Located 35 miles northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 36 square miles of DOE-owned property.
More than 2,000 individual facilities, including 47 technical areas with 8 million square feet under roof.
- **Operating costs FY 2010:** about \$2 billion
51% NNSA weapons programs
8% Nonproliferation programs
6% Safeguards and Security
11% Environmental Management
4% DOE Office of Science
5% Energy and other programs
15% Work for Others
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- **Average Age: 45**
67% male, 33% female
43% minorities
72% university degrees
- 31% hold undergraduate degrees
- 19% hold graduate degrees
- 22% have earned a Ph.D.



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IT Customers

Employees - scientists, engineers, technicians, administration, business support, crafts staff

Students and interns

Contractors - on-site and off-site

Visitors

Collaborators

Employees on assignment in Washington, DC and Albuquerque

Roughly 10,000 employees and 4,000 external

36 sq. mile campus, over 1/2 the size of Washington, DC.

Plus leased space in town, remote offices in Carlsbad, Nevada and more.

Current Network and Security Requirements

- **Programs and users need appropriate levels of controls and policies for:**
 - User access
 - Host based protection: firewalls, authentication
 - Network protection and types of access: remote, web, VPN, ...
 - Resource protection levels
 - Public
 - Open and closed collaboration
 - Sensitive data: PII, CRADA
 - Controlled access to facility and experimental controls



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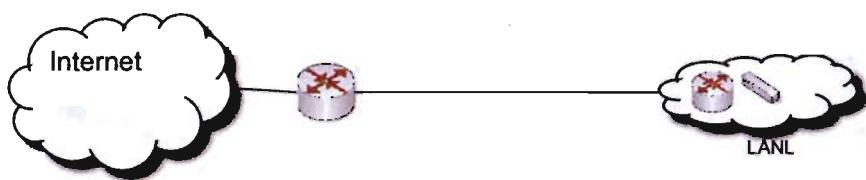
User access includes more than just employee or just two levels: all and none

Host protections, policy or health check or registrations differ based on business need.

Network ingress and egress policies and methods differ

Mixed data in the same boundary results in network protections that are too severe for some but too lenient for others.

Network History



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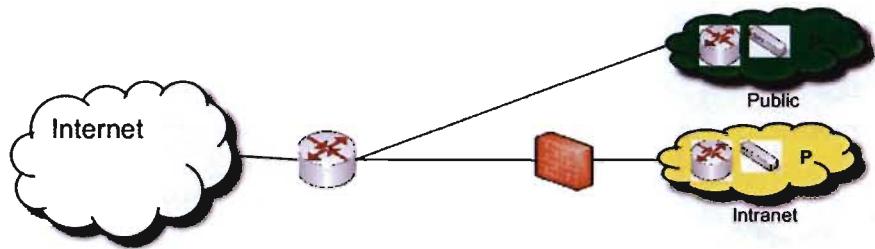
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Before 1998 there was no firewall

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The first, and future firewalls, was Linux with IPtables.

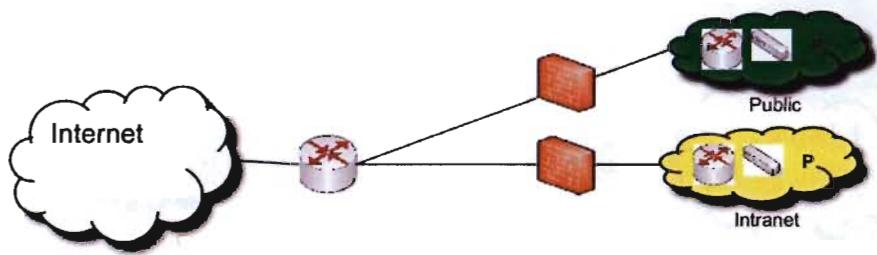
More of a marketing effort and cultural change than technical.

Public facing systems had no protection.

Lots of users wanted to live in the DMZ.

Policy board decided what was DMZ worthy.

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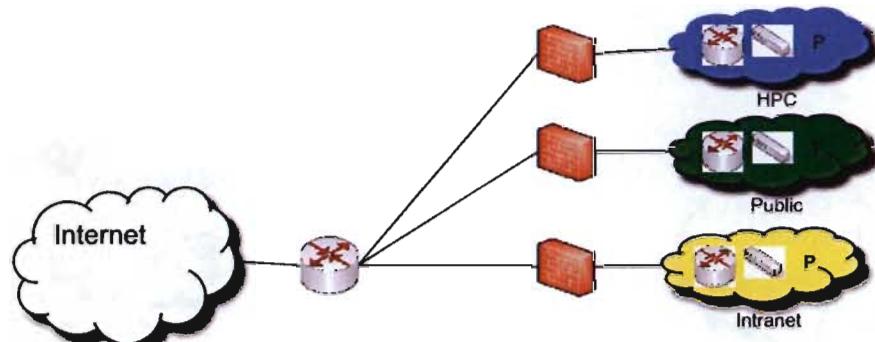
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Second firewall gave DMZ defense in depth network protection.

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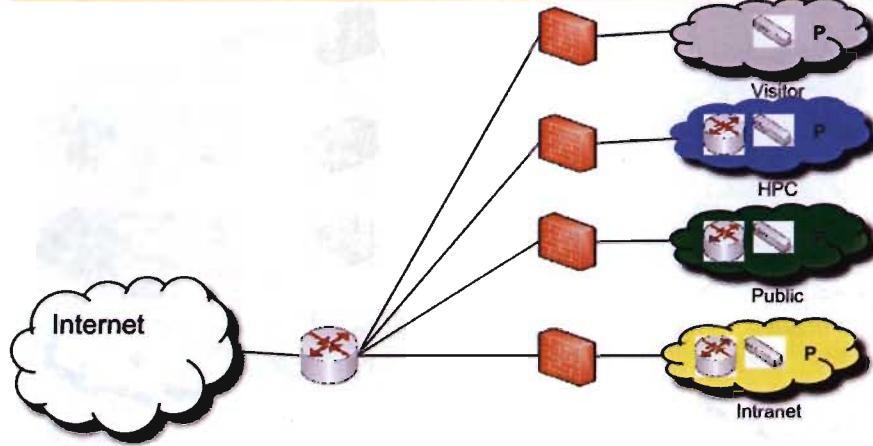
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HPC moved some resources to new enclave in response to widespread security incident

A new board for managing policy and change.

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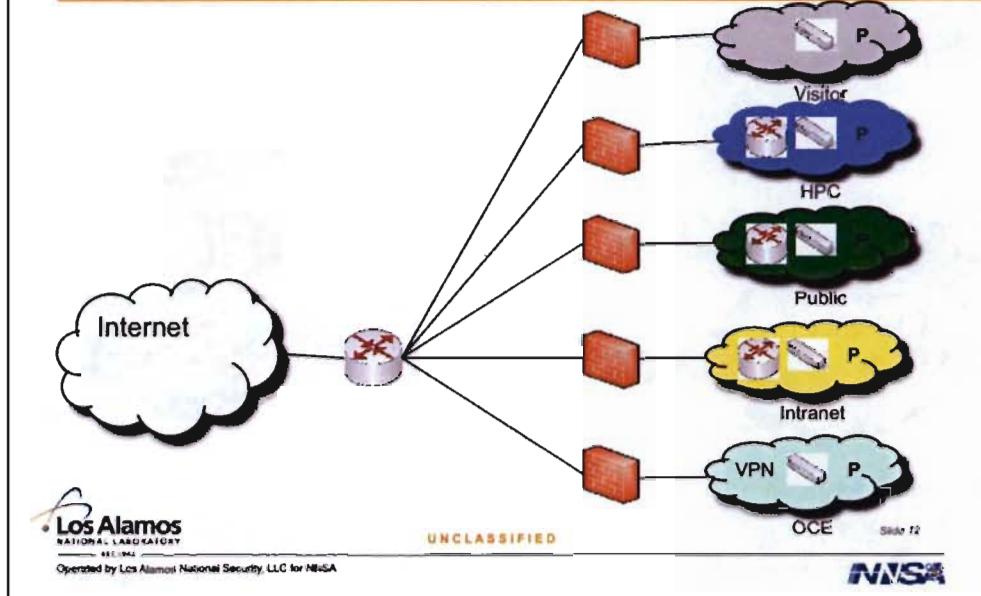
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Visitors were arriving with laptops. We did not want visitors or their computers on the intranet; bad for security and hard on the visitors. More policy.

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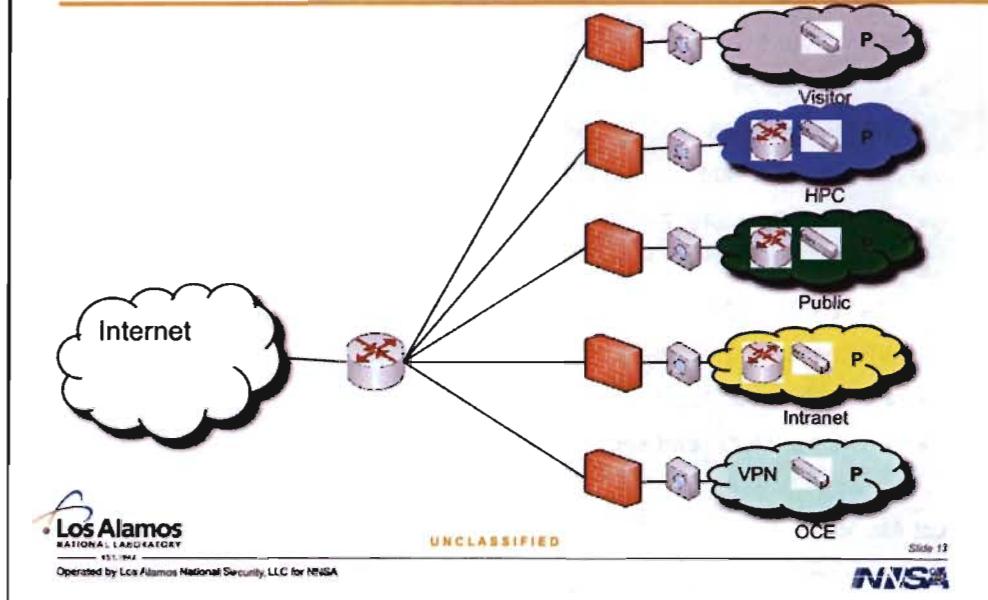
Created primarily for Foreign national working on open science so they would not have to use the intranet.

VPN overlay on top of the intranet with high maintenance; the most practical to implement of several solutions.

Role based firewall and access controls to get to intranet services.

Still need to rethink where how services are provisioned. Scattered servers with differing access methods is hard to administer.

Network History



Added IDS and IPS for each enclave.

Network Size - 2010

- **Enclaves: 5**
- **Users: 14,000**
- **Devices: 40,000**
- **Locations: 1,000**
- **Network firewalls: 7**
- **Routers: 11**
- **Switches: 3,000**
- **VPN: 400**
- **Policy boards: 12(?)**
- **LANL built NAC and security sensor solution**



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Next Generation Network Requirements

- **Wireless access**
- **Mobility and new devices:**
 - Smart phones, tablets, ... LANL, partner, and personally owned
- **Controlled offsite access: user and host roles**
- **More, and less, policy and protection**
 - Less for open science, more for business, SCADA
- **Cloud computing**
- **Multi-site programmatic enclaves**
- **On-line remediation**
- **Stronger and more flexible network admission controls**
- **Cheaper, faster, more secure, easier to manage, flexible**



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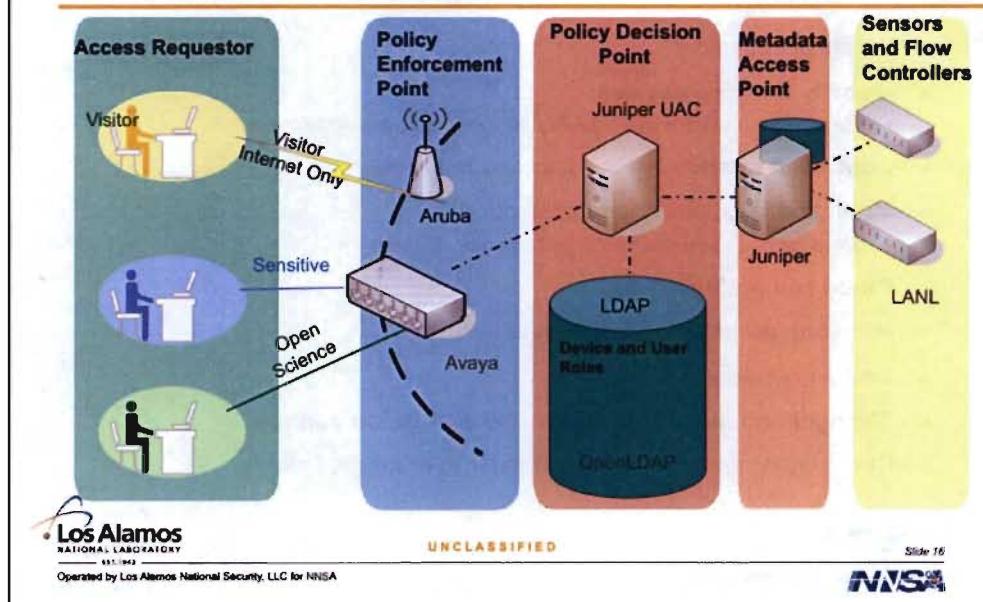
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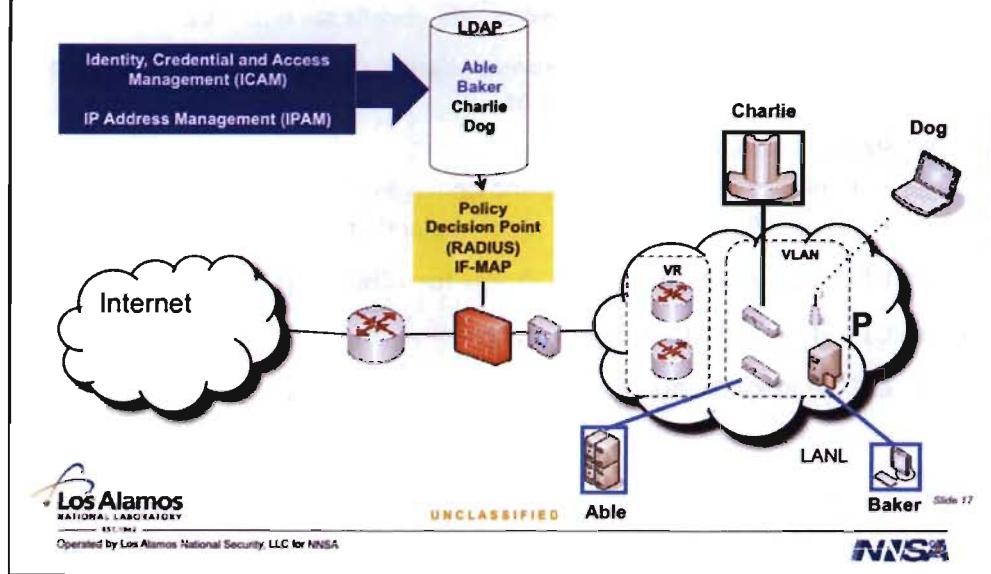
New requirements are not only about supporting new technology which is hard enough. It also means rethinking old policies and implementing them for new devices/OSes/access methods.

Some collaborations are asking for multi-site, multi-organization enclaves. Multi-site high performance computing and light water reactor research are 2 examples. Industry standards reduce the politics.

Trusted Network Connect and LANL



NG Network with Dynamic Enclave Assignment - Before



Dynamic Enclave Assignment - Wireless

- Client (AR) selects SSID and sends certificate with 802.1x
- Wireless controller (PEP) sends client's certificate, switch IP and port to PDP in RADIUS request
- RADIUS server (PDP)
 - Looks up quarantine state and enclave in LDAP
 - Sends VLAN (enclave) in response and updates IF-MAP
- Wireless controller sets VLAN for client's port
- Client broadcasts DHCP request
- DHCP server returns IP address, router, ...



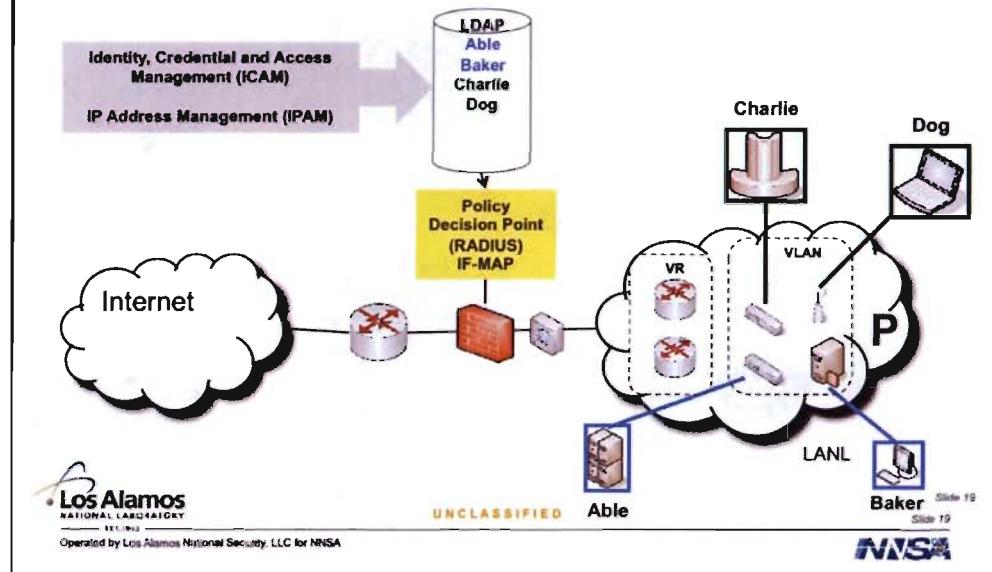
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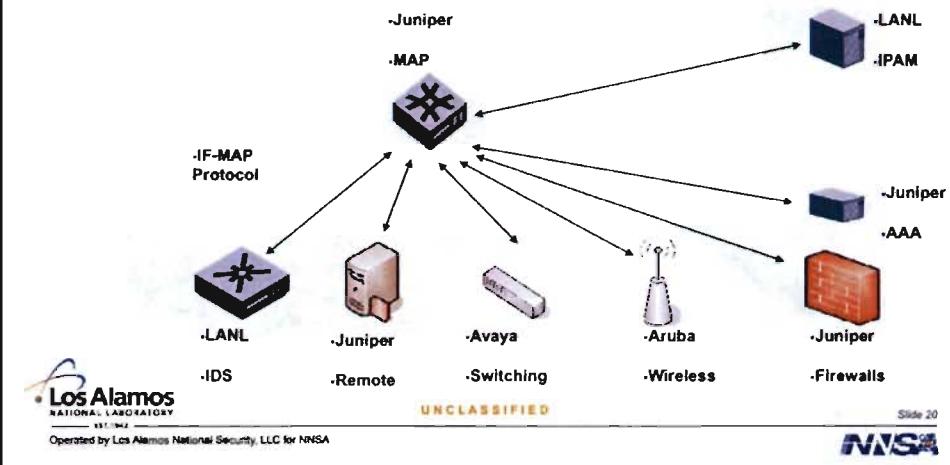
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NG Network with Dynamic Enclave Assignment - After



TNC IF-MAP Coordinated Security



Security Policy Violation Example

- Security sensor detects policy violation on wireless client
- Security sensor updates device's IPAM information
- IPAM system updates LDAP and publishes IF-MAP event for the wireless client
- PDP sees event and sends RADIUS (RFC 3576) message to the wireless controller PEP
- Wireless controller updates VLAN information

Device cannot access network from wired, wireless, or remote connection until policy violation is addressed



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Project Costs

■ Hardware

- Not a rip and replace project
 - No new routers, no new switches
- 2 Juniper firewalls that will replace existing firewalls
- 2 Juniper RADIUS servers
- 6 servers for DNS, DHCP, and LDAP
- New wireless controllers and access points

■ Software

- IPAM and ICAM systems with LDAP integration plus PKI already in place
- Security sensor integration with IF-MAP required

■ Configuration and testing

- Virtual routers, wireless, VLANs, firewall design and TNC integration was the most time consuming by far



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Benefits of TNC based architecture

- Far less expensive to add new enclaves
- Existing enclaves can be consolidated and hardware retired or reused
 - Switches, firewalls, and IPS systems will decrease
- Performance and reliability upgrades benefit all enclaves and users
- Wireless was easier to deploy
- Risk based enclave controls protect data better and match programmatic needs
- Additional security controls are easier to deploy
 - System integrity, health checks
 - DLP
 - Security sensors



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Risks

- **TNC fails to thrive**
- **New technology needs new skills**
 - TNC training is hard to find
- **Operations workload increases during transition**
- **Must have**
 - Network configuration processes and tools
 - Accurate data and supporting processes
 - IPAM and ICAM systems with workflows and delegation
 - Network visibility
 - Management and staff willing to change



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Project Status

- **2 enclaves: Intranet and visitor approved**
- **Inter-enclave firewall connects Intranet, visitor, and Internet**
- **1 building with wired, agile enclaves**
- **40 buildings with wireless, agile enclaves**
- **Security sensors integrated with IF-MAP**



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Next Steps

- **More enclaves**
 - Open science
 - VoIP
 - Remediation
- **Convert existing enclaves**
 - HPC
 - Open collaboration
- **More locations**
 - Wired, wireless and remote
- **Delegated security policy management**
- **DDI upgrade with improved data management and network visibility**



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