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Los Alamos National Security (LANS) has a strong history of recycling and is pleased to be considered for the 2015 Business Recycler of the Year Award in Los Alamos.

LANS makes recycling readily available to its employees. LANS recycled over 50% of its solid sanitary waste for many years by recycling paper, plastic bottles, brush, tires, toner cartridges, cardboard, metal, concrete, and asphalt. Last year, LANS followed the lead of Los Alamos County and expanded its recycling program to include all types of plastic and paperboard. In 2015, LANS expects to have its highest rate of recycling to date.

LANS established a Clean Fill Yard on site to encourage on-site storage and reuse of clean fill from various LANS projects. Unneeded clean fill is delivered to the Clean Fill Yard by owners and it is picked up and reused at other locations onsite by other projects that need clean fill. Since 2012, LANS has reused thousands of cubic yards of clean fill and saved a significant amount of money on both purchase and disposal of this material.

In 2014, the LANS sanitary wastewater treatment plant began composting biosolids instead of handling them as waste. Since then, approximately 18,000 gallons of compost have been produced from the biosolids. Last year, LANS also held its first Zero Waste event at the Bradbury Science Museum. All of the service items and food waste were either recycled or composted, and Pollution Prevention (P2) experts from LANL were on hand to raise awareness about recycling, pollution prevention, and sustainability. Several more Zero Waste events are already planned for 2015.

In May 2015, the LANS lockshop began recycling old locks and keys by sending them for secure shredding. This latest effort is in addition the recycling of outdated computers, printers, monitors, and other electronic devices that LANS has supported for many years. Following cleanout events, the onsite sign shop can often make use of excess sheet metal as well.

Every year, LANS promotes and supports Earth Day activities at the Laboratory and in the community. Through friendly competition in the annual *Great Garbage Grab*, employees are encouraged to pick up trash outdoors. The team with the most bags of trash collected and the team with the most participants are recognized with *Traveling Trash Trophies*.

LANS holds an annual award ceremony to honor employees who have implemented recycling projects and other projects that improve the environment. The awards recognize employees who have reduced, eliminated, or minimized waste or pollution, conserved natural resources, procured green or environmentally-preferred products, applied sustainable design principles, or identified other ways to reduce risk and save money. LANS employees staff a booth at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center for their Earth Day community celebration. Other recycling information booths are routinely staffed onsite for other events such as America Recycles Day and the WSST (Worker Safety and Security Team) Fest. Through community outreach efforts, LANS employees visit local schools to promote pollution prevention and recycling awareness.

Actively engaging in waste prevention and recycling activities are a key part of LANS's Site Sustainability Plan. As such, LANS maintains a strong commitment to recycling and is honored to be nominated as the 2015 Business Recycler of the Year in Los Alamos.