No increase in background, manmade radioactivity for Los Alamos area

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Two aerial flyovers of the Los Alamos area to determine the presence of background and manmade radioactivity found that radioisotopes and their associated exposure rates are consistent with those expected from normal background radiation.

"These surveys were well worth the effort," said Juan Griego, acting manager for the Los Alamos Field Office of the NNSA, referring to the aerial flyovers in August 2011 and June 2012. "The results are good news and the information will benefit the Lab and the community for years to come as we work toward cleanup and sustainability."

"The survey results provide additional confirmation about the quality of the environment around Los Alamos," said Jeff Mousseau, LANL's associate director of environmental programs (ADEP). "As we continue our environmental cleanup and restoration efforts, we're hopeful that survey results like this will help the public feel confident about the seriousness of our commitment to protecting people and the environment."

The 2011 survey focused on White Rock and the Laboratory. The 2012 survey concentrated on the Los Alamos town site. on the More information is in a NNSA news release.

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