

# SIO news & Views

Stakeholder Involvement Office • LALP-94-58

General

## Better Communication Is Goal of New Office

*"We want to address the needs and rights of those who have a stake in the future of the Laboratory."*

*Deputy Director James F. Jackson, November 1993*

Listening and learning—these are two of many things the Laboratory hopes to do better in its interactions with nearby communities.

To help this process along, the Laboratory established a new office, called the Stakeholder Involvement Office (SIO), which is part of the Director's Office. Our main purpose is to coordinate and manage stakeholder involvement functions for all Laboratory activities that have significant technical or environmental, safety, and health content.

Harry Otway, who was named SIO leader last November, hopes that the SIO will help relieve some of the frustration felt by people in the community. Because the Laboratory is a complex organization, consisting of about 7,000 regular full-time employees and about 3,000 contractors, people outside the Laboratory often don't know whom to call with their questions. As the central point of contact at the Laboratory, we in the SIO can direct questions to the right person and get answers as quickly as possible.



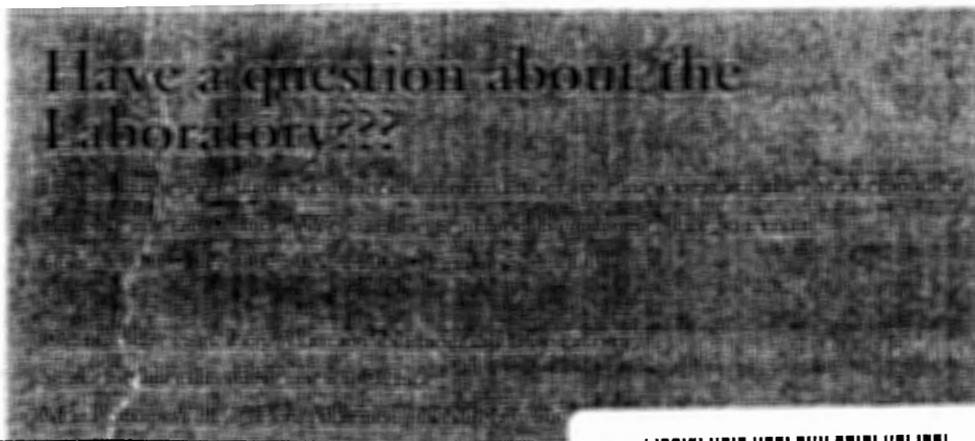
*Below are a few of SIO's activities:*

- relations with Tribal governments,
- support of the Native American Environmental Council,
- outreach to municipal and county governments,
- support for the formation of a citizens advisory board, known as a site-specific advisory board,
- contacts with public interest groups,
- management of the Community Reading Room, and
- coordination of public meetings.

Otway wants to help ensure that the community and the Laboratory achieve a greater understanding of each other's concerns. "The Laboratory may have been isolated in the past, but that situation is changing. We want our efforts at openness to result in more input from the community—and more listening by us."

## What is a stakeholder?

Anyone who perceives that he or she may be affected by Laboratory activities or wants to learn more about them.



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## Send us your news and views

This first issue of *SIO News & Views* tries to briefly describe the Stakeholder Involvement Office and some activities in which we are involved. Future issues will address readers' concerns as well as news from the Laboratory. This newsletter, which will be printed regularly by the Stakeholder Involvement Office, will be our main way to notify you about meetings and other events. If you have suggestions or questions about the Laboratory—or about this issue of *SIO News & Views*—please return this card or call us at 665-4400.

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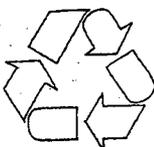
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