

Real ID Act Fact Sheet December 2015

LANL Employees

All LANL workers are required to display a DOE approved badge while on Laboratory property and they are provided a badge prior to beginning work. Badges are provided to workers after showing a photo ID and a birth certificate. The combination of a photo ID and a birth certificate mitigates any REAL ID concerns. All workers are brought onto the Laboratory in a pre-arranged manner, and there is no requirement for employees to secure a US passport.

Short-term workers are provided generic badges and are escorted at all times. These workers do not present any REAL ID concerns and will continue to access the Laboratory as usual.

LANL Visitors

Guests visiting the Laboratory are escorted by badged employees and thus do not present any REAL ID concerns.

Public Access

There is no change to current access procedures at LANL. Visitors traversing the highway to the Valles Caldera (East/West Jemez Road) will continue to be granted access after providing a picture ID at the Vehicle Access Portal (VAP). There will be no changes to the current policy as a result of the REAL ID Act since this remains a public road. All drivers' licenses will be accepted at the Jemez Road Portals.

Laboratory Security evaluates the photo ID and the vehicle for a few brief seconds in order to protect and maintain our nation's security interests. After this very brief evaluation, visitors are allowed to continue their journey.