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EM-LA Efforts within the Justice40 Initiative

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Overview

- The Justice40 Initiative is a requirement of President Biden's Executive Order 14008, *"Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad"*
- The Justice40 Initiative is a whole-of-government effort to deliver at least 40% of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities
- On July 20, 2021, OMB released *Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative* in accordance with Executive Order 14008: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/M-21-28.pdf>
- This guidance supports the Administration's comprehensive approach to advancing environmental justice





Overview

- Under the Justice40 Initiative, Federal agencies are directed to engage with states, Tribal Governments, including Pueblos, and local communities on Federal investments in the following areas:
 - Climate change
 - Clean energy and energy efficiency
 - Clean transportation
 - Affordable and sustainable housing
 - Training and workforce development
 - Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution
 - Development of critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure





EM-LA Pilot Program

- EM-LA was selected as one of five U.S. Department of Energy Justice40 Initiative Pilot Programs
- The Justice40 Initiative aligns with EM-LA's core mission
 - Safely, efficiently, and transparently complete cleanup of legacy contamination and waste resulting from decades of nuclear defense research at LANL
 - Commitment to invest in the communities that have been affected
- Under the OMB Justice40 Interim Guidance, EM-LA's legacy cleanup at LANL fits under the Federal Covered Program of "remediation and reduction of legacy pollution"
- EM-LA submitted required deliverables as defined in the Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative





Look Ahead

- The Justice40 Initiative is continuing to develop
- Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
 - The Council on Environmental Quality released a beta version February 18, 2022
 - CEQ solicited comments from users of the tool and the public
- Further guidance from OMB on next steps, including the definition of disadvantaged communities, is forthcoming
- Environmental Justice Scorecard
 - OMB is developing and will publish a scorecard detailing agency environmental justice performance measures





Current Efforts

- Ongoing Listening Sessions are key to engagement and meaningful discussion
 - Tribal Governments, including Pueblos in Northern New Mexico
 - Regulators
 - Los Alamos County
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustee Council
 - Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board
 - Environmental Management Cleanup Forum
 - Local community members
 - Santa Fe Indian School





Current Efforts

- Leveraging “Thought Partners” to discuss the Justice40 Initiative in an open and transparent manner and to learn
- The Justice40 Initiative provides a unique opportunity to enhance the way EM-LA approaches legacy cleanup decisions
 - Cleanup values and priorities received from Listening Sessions will guide strategic vision development
 - Stakeholder feedback will help to prioritize work scope and end states for cleanup campaigns
 - Developing strategic vision with early input from community engagement is a means for delivering on environmental justice

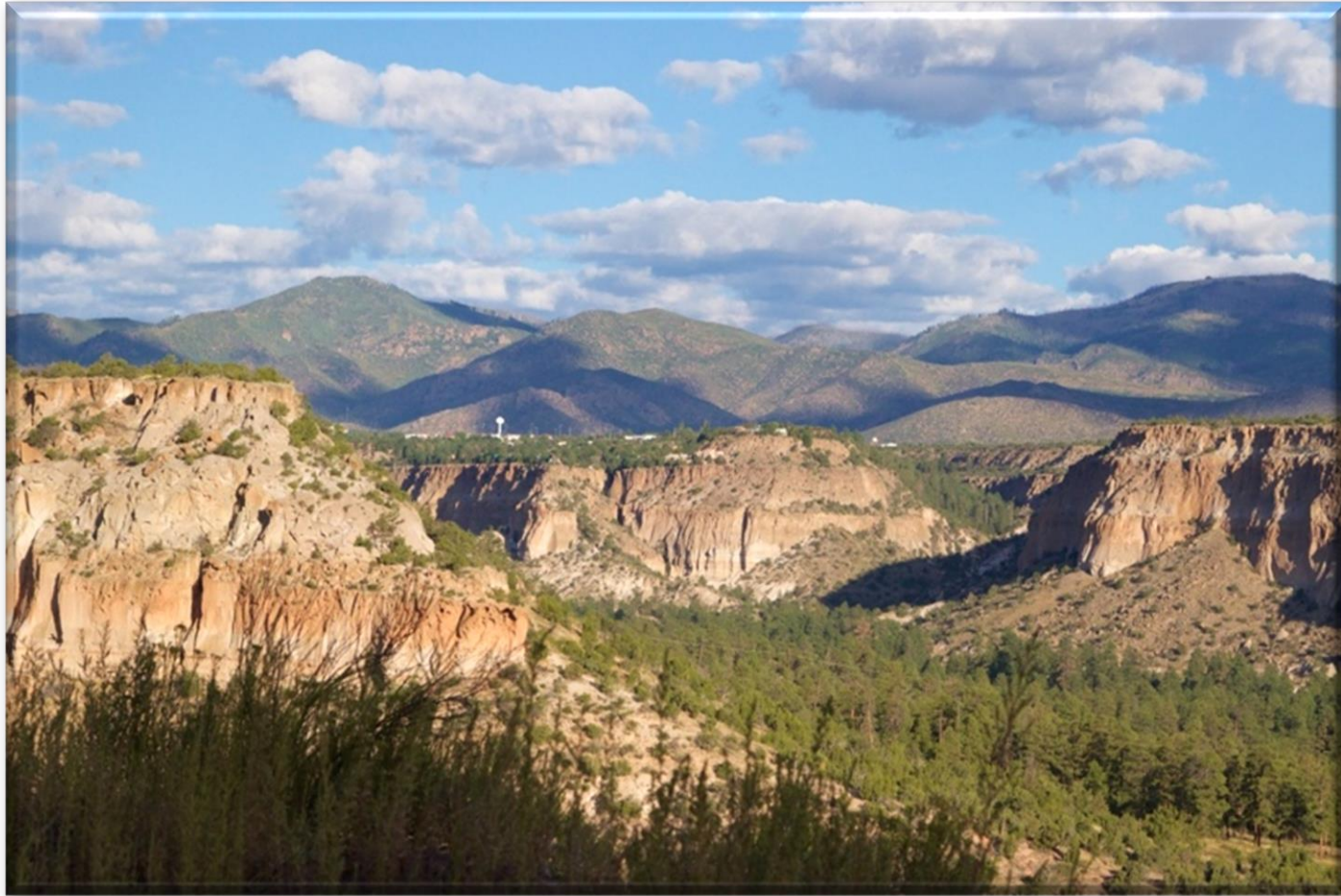




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