

Blessing:

Everyone here walks, lives, and breathes within these sacred lands of Tewa Peoples. As we begin our activities, let us fully acknowledge where we are and give thanks for living mountains, valleys and waters, which sustain our lives and form Tewa ancestral homelands and those of land-based Peoples. Let us ground our activities in awareness of where we are and may the mannerism of Tewa Peoples enter our lives and fill us with gratitude, love, care, and respect for all that is shared between us and all beings.

Values Statement

Communities for Clean Water is a group of people and organizations rooted in a variety of traditions who share in common an awareness that caring for clean water and the Rio Grande beneath the shadow of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is a moral and ethical responsibility. We embrace these five values:

1. We hold that all people and beings require and have a right to clean water for drinking, sacred ceremony, reproduction, growing food, raising animals, recreating, and overall well being now and in the future.
2. We live in a world where all is connected and one in the web of life. This wisdom is expressed in the spiritual traditions and lives of people in the Tewa world and land based communities. The bond between humans and the natural world is interrelated and a multiple, intersectional approach to environmental and social justice is required.
3. We work to promote decolonization by upholding the values of sharing and abundance, non-violence, social and gender equity, to bring long-term happiness and wellness for all beings.
4. We value life-affirming work that braids technical advocacy work for clean water to the health and wellness of ecosystems, communities and individuals. We hold local, state, and federal regulators accountable to use their regulatory and enforcement powers for clean water, land, and air in order to fulfill their public trust responsibilities for the common good.
5. We recognize the rights of nature and respect that flowing water does not seek or uphold political, social, cultural or economical boundaries and is needed for all life on earth.

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