

After a two year task force involving members of the communities of Carrales and Rio Rancho and Intel employees, the task force highly recommended that Intel form a group of citizens and Intel employees to meet monthly to air their concerns.

Thus, Intel formed the "Community Environmental Working Group" (CEWG). The core group was made up of two Intel employees, two members of the community, two (Los Alamos) scientists who were members of the New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air + Water, and 1 representative from the N.M. Lung Association.

The CEWG has set a goal of achieving ~~some~~ environmental changes around Intel. We have had several sub-committees that have done modeling around emissions of crystalline silica and hydrogen fluoride (HF). The CEWG has been instrumental in getting Intel to raise the thermal oxidizer stacks, changing the managing of the bromide put into the scrubbers and basically trying to reduce emissions that Carrales residents complain are causing illnesses.

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