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### **CAFA-now! Membership**

CAFA-now! has almost 60 members and continues to grow. Our objective is to have at least 100 members. If you know of relatives or friends who might be interested, especially if they reside near the Intel plant, please encourage them to e-mail us at [cafanow@gmail.com](mailto:cafanow@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the roster. Membership requires no obligations or commitments, financial or otherwise. All members receive our regular newsletters and other relevant information we share from time to time.

[www.cafanow.org](http://www.cafanow.org)

## **Air Monitoring Update**

We have received the six Purple Air particulate matter monitors we ordered and are proceeding to deploy them in Corrales and Rio Rancho at locations close to the Intel plant.

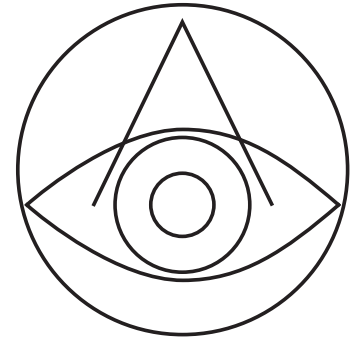
This particular Purple Air model's performance has been evaluated by an independent state government agency through comparison with expensive and sophisticated equipment and found to be very accurate. We are placing three of them next to the Flow monitors that we deployed last year in order to test the Flow's accuracy. The other three will be positioned strategically in residential areas near the Intel plant. Our focus is on PM2.5, that is, particulate matter measuring 2.5 microns or less, the most dangerous form of particulates because when breathed into the lungs, they remain and often migrate into the blood stream and can be then deposited in various organs.

## **Cancer Study**

The VERY latest on our cancer study in the 14 census tracts surrounding Intel is that the report is now drafted by the Director of the New Mexico Tumor Registry and is undergoing review by the Cancer Concerns Work Group and higher ups at the New Mexico State Health Department. We still have no projected date of release, and so at this point, we will not speculate when that will happen. As soon as it is released, we will share it with all CAFA-now! members and post it on our website. At some point thereafter, a community-wide in-person meeting will be scheduled.

## Visit with the Founders of Anthropocene Alliance

As we have reported previously, CAFA-now! has become a member of a national organization called **Anthropocene Alliance (A2)**, which consists of almost 250 local and regional nonprofits that are focused on environmental issues and environmental justice. A2 is providing us with technical assistance on a variety of fronts, including advertising, promotions, grant application preparation, and links to experts in the field of air pollution and its impacts, to name a few.



On Sunday, November 19, 2023, the founders of A2, Executive Director Harriet Festing and Stephen Eisenman, were visiting the area and met with us for a couple of hours to learn more about CAFA-now!'s efforts and to strategize about what our next steps should be. Harriet mentioned that she and Stephen had been invited to an upcoming environmental conference at the White House and would have 60-90 seconds directly with the President during a photo opportunity. We suggested they should mention to the President that he should emphasize to all the semiconductor manufacturers receiving CHIPS Act funding and who are building new or expanding existing manufacturing facilities that they need to invest heavily in the latest, most effective emissions abatement equipment so as to reduce their emissions to an absolute minimum.

<https://anthropocenealliance.org/>

## Intel Ohio: Discussions with Residents by Mega-Plant

We are continuing efforts to connect with individuals in the Johnstown, Ohio area where Intel is building a huge new microprocessor production facility. We want to assist them, work with them and learn from them as the construction of this new plant proceeds and begins operations in 2025. They have huge challenges ahead of them. Intel's initial investment there is \$20 billion, but the long-range plan is to build five fabrication facilities (Fabs) with a total expenditure of about \$100 billion. If you are interested, look up a Facebook page called Intel Megaproject to see what is happening there now. Most of the residents' attention appears to be focused on (1) the huge negative impact that the construction is having on their semi-rural lifestyle and (2) all the underhanded land-grab dealing. When plans for this new plant were first announced in 2021, Pat Geisinger, Intel's CEO, said in a *Time* magazine interview that in five years, the area would be unrecognizable. Not only is Intel constructing a huge plant, but all sorts of major corporations that would support or interact with Intel are also building huge service and storage facilities. Our hope is that the residents will soon develop an organization that can represent them and present their wishes and concerns to the Ohio State EPA, the Federal EPA and Intel.

## Correction to October Newsletter

In our October newsletter segment titled Cancer Study and EJ Screen, we included a map that we understood to represent the risk of being exposed to cancer-causing chemicals in the area surrounding the Intel New Mexico campus compared to the remainder of the United States. The map was created with a tool on the EPA's EJ Screen website. What we have since learned is that this map actually focused on cancer risk itself. We are waiting to hear from the EJ Screen staff about the best way to describe in a more detailed way the meaning conveyed by the map we published. We will include their response in our next newsletter.

## CAFA-now! Financial Status

We believe we need to be completely transparent when it comes to CAFA-now! finances. The bottom line is that the balance in our 501(c)3 account is just over \$3,400. While that allows us to continue operations for the near future, we are going to need more support to accomplish our goals. We are preparing to apply for some grants, but success in that arena is always uncertain.

If you believe in the work we are doing, please consider a donation to the cause. Go to our website, [cafanow.org](http://cafanow.org), click the "Donate" button and carefully follow the instructions. You can contribute with a credit card or check, you will receive a receipt, and all donations are tax-deductible.

***Become an advocate for your community!***

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