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To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: Supporting LANL Open Burn Permit

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Attn. Mr John Keiling

Re: LANL Open Burn Permit

Dear Mr. Keiling:

I am writing in support of the open burn open detonation permit at LANL TA-16. I am expressing my views as a private citizen, a long time resident of New Mexico (35+ years), and an individual dedicated to the environment of our beautiful state. I am familiar with these activities at LANL. They represent very little risk to the environment. The materials burn so fast, and at such high temperature, that there is virtually no contamination of the environment. You are aware of the recent studies, endorsed by NMED, that support this conclusion.

Further more, there is little or no risk to the public from these activities. They take place under strict controls, with very conservative standards for operation, regarding wind and potential fire conditions. The transportation of these surplus high explosives across New Mexico roadways carries a much higher potential for adverse impact to the public.

The training and research done under these permits directly affects the lives and limbs of the members of our armed services stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. By simulating IEDs, and demonstrating the proper methods for handling and disposing of these lethal weapons which are directed at our service men and



