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To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: RE: EPA ID#: NM 0890010515 New Mexico ID#:2390

Dear Mr. Kieling,

I am writing in support of NMED permitting Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to continue to conduct Open Burn activities. Specifically, this capability allows for LANL to support a number of energetic materials testing requirements in support of a wide range of Global Security mission requirements.

In particular, I wish to highlight the support provided to the warfighter, e.g. through homemade explosives (HME) training courses that are conducted at LANL. Through this course work, our military colleagues are provided with training that helps them detect, and understand the characteristics and behaviors of different types of energetic materials, whether the hazard or concern occurs on foreign soil, or domestically.

Without the burn capabilities, LANL is at potential risk for losing these vital energetic material test capabilities in support of our colleagues and Global Security mission needs. Additionally, other missions could be placed at risk, as many of these capabilities are interlinked with other training capabilities; provided as a 1-stop shop for our colleagues training needs.

With these capabilities, LANL is continuing to play a key role in the success of these critically important mission areas in service to our Nation and our Nation's personnel.

Sincerely,

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