

Permit



**Kieling, John, NMENV**

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**To:** Kieling, John, NMENV  
**Subject:** Open Burn Permit for Los Alamos National Lab

Dear Mr. Kieling,

It has been brought to my attention that you are in the process of arbitrating the issue of open burning of the high explosive waste at the lab. Having worked with experts in the field I strongly support the open burning. By the nature of the materials they burn very, very cleanly - much more cleanly than automobile combustion. Open burning is the safest, cleanest and most cost-effective way to dispose of the waste. It does not pose an environmental hazard.

It is understandable how some individuals who may not understand the science may be legitimately concerned about how the burning of anything might impact the environment. But their concerns are misplaced in this circumstance. It is also understandable how some who may have anti-military stances might react to the materials. But this is a vital part of our national defense and needs to be managed in the best possible way.

I do not live in New Mexico but I greatly enjoy visiting the state. And I hope that you do not mind my "butting" into local issues. I am just a concerned citizen of the USA and hope that you will find this information useful to your deliberations.

Best regards,  
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