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Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:30 PM
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Subject: LANL Hazardous Waste Permit

I am contacting you regarding renewal of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Permit. I am particularly concerned about open burn units TA-16-388 and TA-16-399. I am unaware of any health, safety, or environmental information from the Environmental Department or other parties that indicates there exists a credible threat to the public or to the ecological system from activities at these two units. However, transporting the hazardous wastes of concern to other locations on public highways would threaten health, safety, and the ecological system because of the undeniable possibility of breakdown of or accidental damage to the transporting vehicles along the route.

LANL is recognized worldwide for its expertise in dealing with high explosives and has been applying such expertise in national security areas such as IUD countermeasures, explosives detection, and location and defeat of buried mines. Denial of the open burn units would curtail or prevent continuation of such nationally important research but would have negligible effect on health, safety, or the ecological system.

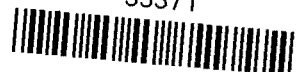
While it is important for you to listen to all parties regarding the LANL permit, I urge you to consider whether those addressing you are recognized technical experts in the areas of concern or are more emotional activists with limited applicable experience in the areas of concern.

I urge you to retain the open burn units in the LANL Hazardous Waste Permit.

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