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Dear Mr. John E. Kieling,

As a private citizen of Los Alamos County, I am writing in support of a Burn Permit for Open Burning at the Los Alamos National Laboratory for the following reasons:

- Burning is safer than transporting the unstable material on public roads for treatment elsewhere,
- Without a proper disposal path, the counter-terrorism and national security research (i.e. improved explosive device (IED) countermeasures, explosives detection, methods to defeat buried mines or other explosives), cannot continue,
- None of this waste comes from manufacture of nuclear weapons, and
- Years of publicly available data show that the burning poses no human health risk and emits no harmful plume and is rarely even visible.

While I respect that some citizens are concerned about risk to the public and environment, the above information serves as a reminder to all of us that this hazardous waste permit not only protects the people and the environment, it also supports the national security missions for our great State and Nation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the following address should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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