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Mr. John E. Kieling

I would like to be counted in support of the Open-Burn Permit for Explosives at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). I know, from experience working with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) during testing at the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), that it is nearly impossible to acquire the exact amount of explosives necessary for a given series of tests. We typically ended up with some excess, and the fastest, easiest, cheapest, and safest means of disposal was open air burning. It was also the cleanest, because the chemical makeup of the explosives yields very few contaminants that will damage or pollute the environment.

Most people will react negatively when you mention "Open Air Burning" of anything, particularly explosives, with no knowledge of the pros and cons of the application.

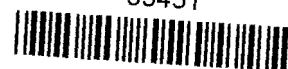
I think that the advantages of open air burning as a means of disposal of excess explosives at LANL has been demonstrated over a period of several years, and the permit should remain in effect.

Thank you very much for you efforts in this endeavor.

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