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From: wktwanderson@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 8:43 AM
To: Kieling, John, NMENV
Subject: Support Renewal of Open Burn Permit for LANL

Dear Mr. Kieling,

I am writing to urge renewal of the open burn permit for Los Alamos National Laboratory. Having read the NMED fact sheet concerning the plans to deny the permit, I find the credibility of the technical arguments particularly weak. One needs only consider that the burning of one cord of wood in the fireplaces of northern New Mexico releases between one and two milligrams of dioxins (see Yasuhara et al., Env. Sci. Tech., 2002)--and the paper and other refuse often thrown into fireplaces and stoves produce significantly more--to realize that the burning of explosive waste at the very high temperatures advertised by LANL adds a negligible amount of these chemicals to the environment compared to the many unregulated sources in the region. I realize that many residents in the area have a fundamental dislike of LANL, but the fact is that the Lab does a vital job for national security and the economy of the area is tied to the fate of the Lab. Any decision by the State of New Mexico that hinders LANL in the execution of its mission is, in my opinion, short-sighted.

Sincerely,

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