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Subject: Support for approval of open burning permit at LANL

I am in support of <u>approval of renewing Los Alamos National Laboratory's</u> permit for open burning of high explosive waste.

LANL's work in high explosive science is essential to national security, and contributes towards maintaining a nuclear deterrent as well as battling proliferation of improvised nuclear explosives. We need this!

I understand there is a campaign by a group claiming to want to "protect the environment", though these burns at LANL are much cleaner and are insignificant compared to the use of gas furnaces in homes or gasoline in cars used daily in the area. And why should such ignorant claims from uninformed local groups be considered in the operation of a <u>National</u> laboratory.

I trust you will support continuing open burning permit. Thank you!

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