

Permit



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Dear Mr. Kieling,

I've become aware that the state intends to deny the open-burn portion of LANL's RCRA permit. As a citizen (Santa Fe County resident) and taxpayer, this is difficult to understand, since:

- disposal of explosives wastes is necessary to continue important homeland security research on explosives detection and strategies, such as IED countermeasures, that can help protect US troops;
- the state acknowledges that open burning poses no public health hazard;
- on-site burning presents minimal hazard to the trained personnel responsible for it;
- transport of waste on public roads to an offsite disposal location is more hazardous than burning at LANL;
- the explosives wastes in question are not related to nuclear weapons programs.

It's disappointing that the state appears to be motivated by political rather than technical factors in this case. Please reconsider.

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C. John Graham

All things are on the road to beauty  
Or else how could we see them lurking  
In the darkness?  
Vicki Hearne

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