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Mr. John E. Kieling-

I am writing in support of retention of open burn as a part of the LANL hazardous waste permit.

It is difficult to overstate the importance to national security the research conducted by LANL on explosives and propellants. These efforts have direct and important impacts on homeland security, aviation security, terrorism prevention and response, military effectiveness and safety, and nuclear weapons policy. Such work has been a core competency of the laboratory's mission since its inception.

This research simply could not take place without a means to dispose of scrap and excess materials. Open burn procedures are by far the safest, most environmentally responsible method to dispose of this waste.

Weighing the enormous benefits against any risk, real or perceived, it would be a serious mistake discontinue this operation by removing open burn operations from the new hazardous waste permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

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