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I, the undersigned individual, join Louisiana residents, workers and families in their call for a safer alternative to open burning of hazardous waste at Camp Minden.

I oppose the plan by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to OPEN BURN 15 million pounds of abandoned M6 propellants at Camp Minden, Louisiana. By definition, open burning has no emissions controls and will result in the uncontrolled release of toxic emissions and respirable particles to the environment. M6 contains approximately 10% dinitrotoluene (DNT) which is classified as a probable human carcinogen.

Concerns for the potential human health risk created by open burning/open detonation as well as for environmental impacts on the air, soil, and water have

required the military to identify and develop alternatives to open burning / open detonation treatment.

Moreover, as the United States Environmental Protection Agency's plan provided for the safe handling and transport to an open burning area, these wastes could be similarly moved to an alternative treatment facility or system.

I support the Environmental Protection Agency's initiative to require the United States Army to clean up and dispose of these improperly stored explosives wastes, ~~to~~ I do not support open burning as a remedy given the inherent and avoidable risks to human health and the environment.

Respectfully

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