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Cynthia Giles
 Assistant Administrator
 United States Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters
 William Jefferson Clinton Building
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington DC 20460

Dear Ms. Giles:

I, the undersigned individual, join Louisiana residents, workers and families in their call for a safer alternative to open burning of hazardous wastes 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. Open burning has no emissions controls and can result in the emission of hazardous chemicals and toxic fumes that can negatively affect residents' health and the surrounding environment. M6 contains approximately 10 percent dinitrotoluene (DNT), which NIOSH classifies as a potential occupational carcinogen.

I am aware that the instability of the ammunition creates a sense of urgency for their quick disposal; however, I strongly urge you to consider other alternatives. It is my understanding that concerns for the potential human health risk created by open burning/open detonation, as well as for its environmental impacts on the air, soil, and water has required the military to identify and develop alternatives to open burning/open detonation treatment. Can you consider exploring these options?

While I support the United States Environmental Protection Agency's initiative to require the United States Army to clean up and dispose of these improperly stored explosive wastes, I do not support open burning as a remedy and I cannot ignore the great public health concern to which this plan exposes North Louisiana residents and the environment. I urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to work together and with the North Louisiana elected officials and residents to devise an alternative plan to dispose the M6 explosives in a manner that will most effectively protect the health of the citizens and protect the environment, including, air, water and soil.

Lastly, I would like to ask you, "If you had close family and/or loved ones who lived in this area where you are planning to open burn 15 million pounds of hazardous waste that can potentially pollute the air

with hazardous chemicals and toxins exposing your family and loved ones to undesirable health risks, would you 100% support that plan?"

Best Regards,

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