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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 U.S. EPA 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 particulates into the environment. The very thing you work to protect. 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 U.S. EPA's plan

provides for the safe handling and transport to an open burning area, these wastes could be similarly moved to an alternative treatment facility or system.

While I support the United States EPA's initiative to require the U.S. Army to clean up and dispose of these improperly stored explosive wastes, we do not support open burning as a remedy given the inherent and avoidable risks to human health and the environment.

Respectfully yours,

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