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Attention:

Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator
U.S. EPA.

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I, the concerned neighbors of Louisiana residents, join Louisiana residents, workers & families in their call for safer alternatives to open burning of hazardous wastes at Camp Minden.

We oppose the plan by the US EPA to open burn 15 million pounds of abandoned M1C propellants at Camp Minden Louisiana. By definition, open burning has no emissions controls & will result in the uncontrolled release of toxic emissions & respirable particulate to the environment. M1C contains approximately 10% DNT which is classified as a probable human carcinogen.

Concerns for the potential human health risks created by open burning/open detonation as well as for environmental impacts on the air, soil, & water have the military to identify & develop

alternatives to open burning/open incineration treatment. Moreover, as the United States EPA's plans to provide safe handling & transport to an open burning area, these wastes could be similarly moved to an alternative treatment facility or system.

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

Sincerely,

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