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I am writing to formally voice my strong opposition to the air quality construction permit requested by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC for the "Project Jupiter" microgrid system. The New Mexico Environment Department must reject this application because operating a massive, fossil-fuel-reliant microgrid for this facility will release high volumes of nitrogen oxides (NOx), carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and carbon dioxide. Injecting these heavy pollutants into the local airshed creates immediate respiratory hazards and long-term health vulnerabilities for the frontline communities living nearby. Furthermore, this development follows an extractive economic pattern where New Mexico's environment, public health, and vital infrastructure are being sacrificed to power data centers that solely benefit out-of-state tech billionaires. Our residents are forced to bear the heavy environmental costs, while the economic rewards and technological advancements are funneled entirely outside our state borders. A facility of this scale also places an unacceptable burden on our regional environment. Permitting substantial industrial emissions for a private technology project directly undermines New Mexico's broader climate and sustainability goals, while actively degrading the environmental quality of the surrounding area. Therefore, I urge the Air Quality Bureau to uphold its duty to environmental justice, public health, and the preservation of New Mexico's air quality by denying this permit application and rejecting the demands of outside corporate tech investments.