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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Public Comment in Support of Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (YGI, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

The National Hispanic Energy Council respectfully submits these comments in support of the air quality permit applications filed by YGI, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

The National Hispanic Energy Council works to ensure that Hispanic communities have a meaningful voice in energy and infrastructure decisions that affect their economic future, quality of life, and environmental well-being. We advocate for practical, balanced energy policies that support affordability, reliability, cleaner technologies, and economic opportunity, while recognizing the importance of collaboration among industry, government, and the communities most directly impacted by development.

Southern New Mexico, including Doña Ana County, is home to a large and deeply rooted Hispanic population. For generations, these communities have contributed to the state's economy, culture, and workforce, yet they have not always shared equitably in the benefits of large-scale investment. Projects that create long-term employment opportunities, workforce pathways, and sustained economic activity can play an important role in changing that dynamic.

From our perspective, Project Jupiter represents an opportunity to deliver meaningful economic development in a predominantly Hispanic region. The potential for high-quality jobs, skills training, and long-term career opportunities allows families to remain in their communities while building financial stability and generational opportunity. These outcomes matter not only for individual households, but for the broader economic health of the region and the state.

The National Hispanic Energy Council also recognizes that responsible development must be grounded in environmental stewardship and regulatory accountability. Hispanic communities often experience disproportionate environmental and economic impacts, making it essential that projects comply fully with air quality standards and engage transparently with regulators and the public. A science-based permitting process that ensures public health protections while allowing compliant projects to move forward is critical to building trust and delivering lasting benefits.



Collaboration is central to NHEC's mission. We believe that durable solutions emerge when community leaders, policymakers, regulators, labor, and industry work together to address challenges and identify opportunities. No project is without complexity, but inclusive engagement and continued coordination can help ensure that development aligns with community priorities and long-term regional goals.

Project Jupiter has the potential to support economic growth, energy reliability, and workforce opportunity in Southern New Mexico while demonstrating how thoughtful, well-regulated development can benefit Hispanic communities and the state as a whole. When projects meet regulatory standards and invest in local capacity, they help pave the way for future investment that is both responsible and inclusive.

For these reasons, the National Hispanic Energy Council supports approval of the air quality permit applications for Project Jupiter as submitted. We appreciate the Environmental Improvement Board's careful consideration and its role in balancing environmental protection with economic opportunity for New Mexico's diverse communities.

Thank you for your service and commitment to New Mexico's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julio Fuentes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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