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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
c/o 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 (Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

On behalf of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), we respectfully submit these comments in support of the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

AMAFCA was created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1963 with the responsibility to protect people and property from flooding and minimize damage through the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of flood control infrastructure throughout the Albuquerque metropolitan area. We build and maintain channels, dams, arroyos, and stormwater facilities that also serve to improve water quality and protect environmental resources.

Although AMAFCA's core mission is focused on flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure, our work underscores an important principle that also applies to large infrastructure development statewide: responsible planning, environmental stewardship, and thoughtful integration of public works with community and natural systems are essential to long-term resilience. Projects in all sectors — whether flood control, transportation, advanced industry, or technology — benefit when they are designed and permitted in ways that prioritize public health, environmental quality, and predictable outcomes.

Air quality standards are critical to protecting community well-being, particularly in growing regions where new economic activity can influence local conditions. A transparent, science-based permitting process ensures that development moves forward in compliance with regulatory safeguards while allowing responsible projects to contribute to economic opportunity. AMAFCA supports such processes because they align with the objectives of protecting human health and the environment — outcomes we pursue every day through our stormwater quality initiatives and infrastructure planning.



Project Jupiter presents an opportunity for significant investment in Southern New Mexico that can enhance regional economic stability, workforce development, and long-term community capacity. From the standpoint of public infrastructure planning and environmental protection, projects that meet regulatory criteria and engage constructively with stakeholders help reinforce a broader climate of confidence among local governments, agencies, and residents. Clear regulatory outcomes encourage infrastructure investment across sectors — not just in the immediate region but throughout the state — and this benefits New Mexico’s long-term planning and resilience goals.

AMAFCA’s support for responsible, compliant development reflects our commitment to harmonizing infrastructure needs with environmental considerations. Approving air quality permits for Project Jupiter as submitted aligns with that commitment by enabling development that meets environmental standards and supports broader community interests.

We appreciate the Environmental Improvement Board’s thoughtful consideration of these applications and your continued work to ensure that New Mexico remains a place where environmental stewardship and economic opportunity can advance together.

Thank you for your service and leadership.

Sincerely,

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