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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: Support for Air Quality Permit Applications – Project Jupiter  
(Acoma, LLC)

Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors New Mexico (AGC NM), we write in support of the air quality permit applications associated with Project Jupiter. AGC NM serves as the unified voice for New Mexico's commercial construction industry, representing both union and non-union contractors committed to safety, workforce excellence, and responsible project delivery across our state.

New Mexico's construction sector is facing sustained workforce pressure. Demand for skilled craft professionals, supervisors, and technical specialists continues to outpace supply. Large-scale, well-planned projects like Project Jupiter provide the type of long-term market stability that allows contractors to invest confidently in apprenticeship programs, safety training, and career development pipelines. When the market is predictable, employers expand training. When training expands, opportunity expands.

Project Jupiter represents more than short-term construction activity. It signals durable investment in infrastructure, technology, and operations that will support thousands of craft and management roles during construction and create ongoing technical and operational careers thereafter. That sustained demand strengthens apprenticeship utilization, reinforces safety culture, and creates real pathways for New Mexicans to enter and advance within the construction industry.

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From an economic standpoint, this project reflects transformative private investment. Major capital projects stimulate local contracting capacity, strengthen specialty trades, and create multiplier effects that reach suppliers, service providers, and small businesses throughout the region. When responsibly executed, projects of this scale help stabilize the market, expand opportunity for emerging contractors, and support long-term community growth.

Equally important is the project's approach to infrastructure resilience. The proposed dedicated microgrid and closed-loop cooling system demonstrate intentional planning designed to reduce strain on existing public systems. Responsible design matters. Our members build and maintain critical infrastructure statewide, and we recognize the importance of aligning growth with reliability, environmental stewardship, and long-term operational sustainability.

AGC NM supports balanced, science-based regulatory processes that protect public health while allowing strategic economic development to move forward. Based on the information presented, Project Jupiter reflects thoughtful planning and meaningful investment in New Mexico's future workforce and infrastructure.

We respectfully urge the Board to approve the requested air quality permits.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Roepke-Orth', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Roepke-Orth, CEO