

July 6th, 2026

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

Re: Support for Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

I am writing in support of the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

As a business owner, public affairs professional, and member of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Board of Directors, I have spent much of my career working to strengthen Southern New Mexico's economy by supporting policies and projects that create opportunity for businesses, workers, and families. Economic development is about much more than recruiting companies—it is about creating the conditions that allow our communities to thrive for generations.

Project Jupiter represents one of those opportunities.

The future of New Mexico depends upon our ability to attract industries that offer high-quality jobs, strengthen our workforce, and encourage our young people to build their futures here at home. For too long, many of our brightest students have felt they needed to leave New Mexico to pursue meaningful careers. We should be creating an economy that gives them every reason to stay.

Data centers and other advanced technology projects create opportunities well beyond the facility itself. They generate demand for skilled trades, engineering, information technology, construction, logistics, professional services, and countless local businesses that support a growing economy. They also encourage partnerships with educational institutions and workforce training programs, helping prepare the next generation of New Mexicans for careers in industries that will continue growing for decades.

As someone who works closely with businesses throughout Southern New Mexico, I also understand the importance of creating an environment where companies are confident investing in our communities. Large-scale investments send a strong message that New Mexico is open for business and capable of competing for projects that bring long-term economic value. Those investments often become catalysts for additional employers, new entrepreneurs, expanded housing, and stronger local businesses that benefit from increased economic activity.

What excites me most about Project Jupiter is the opportunity it creates for future generations. Every major investment we attract today helps shape the New Mexico our children and

grandchildren will inherit tomorrow. When we create good-paying jobs, invest in workforce development, and strengthen our communities, we are giving the next generation more opportunities to build successful careers without leaving the state they call home.

I also appreciate that Project Jupiter has continued to evolve through community engagement and thoughtful planning. Responsible economic development requires collaboration, transparency, and a willingness to listen to local stakeholders. Those qualities help create better projects while building trust within the communities they serve.

I firmly believe New Mexico can continue growing its economy while maintaining strong environmental standards and protecting the qualities that make our state unique. A science-based permitting process provides the framework to accomplish both objectives and gives communities confidence that projects are being developed responsibly.

Southern New Mexico has all of the ingredients necessary to become a leader in advanced industry: talented people, strategic location, available land, and an entrepreneurial spirit. Project Jupiter has the potential to build upon those strengths and create opportunities that extend well beyond Doña Ana County, benefiting businesses, families, and communities across our state.

For these reasons, I respectfully support approval of the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and your continued service to the people of New Mexico.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Alarid
Board Member
Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA)