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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 for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure).

Members of the Board,

In my roles as both Executive Director of the Asphalt Pavement Association of New Mexico (APANM) and as a member of the Albuquerque City Council, I spend a great deal of time focused on how we build and sustain the systems that keep New Mexicans connected. Whether it's our transportation network, our regional economy, or the workforce that powers both, long-term success in this state depends on smart planning and meaningful private investment. With that perspective, I am writing in support of the air quality permit applications for Project Jupiter.

For the asphalt and roadway community, projects of this scale matter. When new centers of economic activity take shape, they don't just create jobs on a single site; they reshape how people and goods move across the region. Project Jupiter turning underutilized land into a major employment center will increase demand for safer, stronger roads, better access corridors, and the kind of long-term maintenance that keeps communities connected.

Workforce opportunity is another key part of why this project matters. Project Jupiter is expected to support thousands of construction jobs and create hundreds of high-skill permanent roles. That kind of sustained demand helps grow the skilled labor pipeline that both the construction industry and our cities rely on. With planned training partnerships and a commitment to local hiring, the project offers a path for New Mexicans to step into well-paying careers in construction, engineering, heavy civil work, and emerging technical fields. Strengthening that workforce is essential for the future of our industry and our state.

Overall, Project Jupiter supports the transportation network, expands our workforce, and strengthens the region's economic foundation, which is why it is vital for the air permits to be approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Dan Lewis