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The data center will emit 10 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, more than the annual emissions of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces combined. The energy provider behind the project, Bloom Energy has a history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. The Bloom fuel cells operate between 800 and 1000 degrees and will contribute to heat island effect in the local Santa Teresa community, raising neighborhood temperatures by 3.6 degrees or more. Bloom fuel cells have never been used at this scale and will be hard for NMED to monitor as they degrade.

Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. I also value my clean drinking water for my loved ones, pets, and fellow New Mexicans.