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As a New Mexico resident I am writing to urge the NMED to deny fuel cell air quality permit submitted for Project Jupiter. Approving this permit would be disastrous for our state's current and future residents and environment, unaligned with the Air Quality Bureau's mission to protect the "public health of New Mexicans and the natural beauty of the state by preventing the deterioration of air quality." The proposed fuel cell plant lacks pollution controls for construction at an unseen scale by a company that has a proven record of illegally dumping hazardous waste. Doña Ana County is already suffering environmental degradation and poor air quality, and approval of this fuel plant will only increase both short and long-term health risks to a community already disproportionally impacted by pollution. I urge the Air Quality Bureau to reject this application. If the permit is not rejected, I urge the NMED to extend the public review period and hold an accessible, bilingual public hearing so that impacted community members' voices may be heard. This project is a blatant threat to our environment and will have an outsized negative impact on the health and prosperity of current and future generations of New Mexicans. Thank you for your time.