

Giulia Maria Tonti

I don't live in the American continent, yet I know how it feels when you see your home being encroached. In an era when we are fighting pollution, this project is an insult to all our efforts against carbon dioxide being released in our air every day. It shows again the hypocrisy of our institutions about these topics. You don't care about the well being of the people that live there, you care about money. That money is earned by killing our environment. Families live there and we all saw the effects of data centers on small cities. Their clean water will be at risk, their pets will be under a huge stress because of all the noise pollution. The heat during spring and summer will be unbearable, because carbon dioxide raises up temperatures really fast, and most of them won't be able to relieve the discomfort because of their water and electricity being taken away. So in this letter I ask the public to be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit; the air quality permit application to be denied, given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution, because for years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone— this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules. Thank you for your time for reading this.