

Danna Renteria

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Danna Renteria. I live in Santa Teresa, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

I have heard from family and friends in Valencia Park about their water pressure going down. I have heard from my grandparents down in Anapra that their neighbor's house burnt down, and the lack of proper water pressure caused a slower reaction from the fire department. I have been told my whole life living in Santa Teresa that our tap water is so subpar that we cannot drink from it. I was at home when the great Arsenic and oil issue of 2024 occurred. This is not a one time occurrence. Our drinking water has been contaminated since forever, and bringing a big data center will not help. Our lack of proper water pressure will only get worse; water contaminants will only get higher; the price of buying potable water will increase, limiting lower income families such as my own on how much water we can use. Water is a human right, not a privilege. We as citizens of Sunland Park and Santa Teresa deserve to be treated as humans. We deserve to stay in our homes, drink clean water, and not be pushed out by big companies only seeking revenue and land. This comment, however, seeks the NMED to look into air permits. This, too is an issue I am tired of seeing. We live in a desert where haboobs, sand storms, and metropolitan pollution takes over. We do not need another issue added to this. I urge the NMED to reject this air permit and realize that the citizens of this city do not want this data center. Listen to us, listen to everyone, and listen to nature. All of us seek safety, security, and health.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2024/04/18/new-mexico-arsenic-drinking-water/>

The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons:

- * It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants.
- * This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear.
- * Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never been tried at this scale.
- * Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology. Sincerely, Danna Renteria