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I am a resident of Santa Teresa nm and I am BEGGING that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. Ive lived here for about almost six years calling this our permanent home until 2024 is when our water supply had issues effecting our water till this day. Since then there's been this unknowing if WE will have a safe and secure future. That future is under THREAT with this proposed air quality permit AS WELL. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental RACISM. Our metro area is currently 16th WORST in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year SINCE 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable and EVIL to invite a new source of hyper scale air pollution into OUR communities. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, many of them at very low levels. How am I supposed to continue to live without FEAR for my families, communities, and I's health knowing what they are breathing in? Knowing it can cause PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE or breathing complications!!! Fuel cells also create HAZARDOUS WASTE and the fuel cell provider for this project has a history of illegally dumping this waste and hiding it for several years. This company will likely repeat THEIR bad habits, illegally dumping dangerous and undisclosed chemicals into our public landfills, and we will just have to wait until somebody notices??? Our county has and continues to face an illegal dumping epidemic so how can I be sure that these systemic oversight failures we have locally won't continue and expand to include this dangerous and experimental fuel cell operation.