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Dear NMED staff, My name is Fathima. I am a Saudi Arabian resident, living in Jeddah, 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. We have lived thousands of years without AI. We don't need AI now. But we have never lived, nor can we ever live without our earth. I'm a young citizen concerned about the climate change and the deteriorating state of earth. We have evolved too much, but as of now, all these changes are reversible. So, let's halt this. Let's prioritize mother earth over technology and innovation. 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 occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. For years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone—this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules. I urge the NMED to outright 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. NMED should give the public 60 days of additional time to review and comment on the Application to ensure everyone can meaningfully comment and participate. Sincerely, Fathima