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I urge you to deny the air quality permit application for Yucca Growth Infrastructure. I am a retired teacher, have lived in Las Cruces all my life, and believe that our environment here needs to be protected. So I bought solar panels 17 years ago to reduce my individual carbon footprint, and the planned data center's emissions would dwarf the CO2 emissions of the residents of the county.

I think the process needs to be slowed down so that the residents of Doña Ana County have the opportunity to have their many questions answered.

What pollution controls are in place? How did the developers arrive at the numbers on their permit if there has been no plant close to this size? What are the safeguards for our health and our children's health if these estimates are incorrect? The emission estimates of the plan as has been submitted are already unacceptable. There is too much at stake in the uncertainty of the reality of the project. Let's do this right. Let's build the initial infrastructure from renewable energy resources like solar and wind and then phase in the data center. In social media I have seen a great deal of money spent in support of Project Jupiter. I hope that you will listen to more than the money.

A friend's daughter and former student of mine sent me the link to make this entry and included this in her letter which I would like to quote directly:

"The mission statement of your department says that your mission is to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations. How are you sure that this will ensure a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for future generations?

You cite four tenets to uphold this mission:

Science: "Using the best available science to inform our decision-making in protecting public health and the environment." What rigorous, independent science has gone into the claims of this permit?

Innovation: "Employing creative engineering and technological solutions to address environmental challenges." If Project Jupiter claims that its new permit reduces the carbon emissions by 67% and NOx emissions by 92 % as they claim, why can't a \$1.65 Billion project fund a completely carbon neutral energy solution?

Collaboration: "Engaging communities and interested stakeholders in environmental decision-making outcomes." How many letters have you received showing that the vast majority of the community does not want this project? How many letters that were not paid for by Project Jupiter have been submitted in support of this project?

Compliance: "Ensuring meaningful compliance with state regulations and permits; leveling the playing field through enforcement." What assurances does the community have that this project will meet state regulations? What plan is in place if it doesn't?

Reject this permit."

She makes some excellent points. We have an opportunity to get this right. Data centers will need to be constructed in the future. Let's wait and do this when we have a plan worth pursuing.

Thank you for consideration.