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Dear NMED staff, My name is Cameron, 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. Project Jupiter's power plant will release up to 10 million tons of climate-warming greenhouse gasses every year. This would make a mockery of NM's climate goals, and erase most of the climate progress we have made in the last two decades. Making us fall even further behind and make our planet even more vulnerable to climate catastrophes and issues. Also, Santa Teresa Elementary and High School are located within five miles of this project site. 96% of students at the high school are hispanic. There are also day care centers located within miles of this site. This is an environmental injustice to these children who are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of NOX, CO, and VOC. Also, The Chihuahuan Desert borderlands are not a barren dump site for Bloom Technologies to test their experimental technologies. Santa Teresa should not serve as ground zero for Bloom Technologies to scale their toxic technologies. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution.