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To whom it concerns at the NMED,

I am a lifelong New Mexico resident urging you to deny the Project Jupiter air quality permit application. Given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste, and Doña Ana County's status as a 'nonattainment' zone regarding federal air quality rules, I strongly believe that approving this permit would amount to government-sponsored environmental racism.

Given the magnitude of statewide effects, the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit, which should be made accessible in Spanish and English, as well as Vietnamese and Diné to ensure meaningful participation.

If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with the option to participate virtually.

I fail to see the benefit of trading our air quality and water we already struggle with for a hyperscale facility that will create more air pollution than our three largest cities combined.

A handful of well-paying jobs is not worth exposing our neighbors to hazardous air pollutants such as benzene, xylene, and methanol, which are associated with increased rates of leukemia and lymphoma, permanent damage to the nervous system, kidney, and liver, birth defects, permanent blindness, seizures, and respiratory failure. These are only a few of the expected byproducts of the proposed facility, and I can only begin to imagine how these would play out in conjunction with widespread long CoVid and reduced healthcare access as a result of federal funding cuts.

We have lived for centuries without AI, and this hyperscale data center would largely benefit already wealthy corporations and degrade our residents' quality of life.

Thank you for serving New Mexicans' public health and our state's natural beauty for generations to come.