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As a resident of Santa Teresa and New Mexico, I am writing 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. This proposed AI data center places the health and well-being of the inhabitants of New Mexico at extreme risk.

The air pollution and noise pollution produced by an AI data center will harm residents of all ages, including the children. Furthermore it will heavily damage our already suffering ecosystem. Overall, 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, which will be pumped out near schools where children are present hours at a time, unaware of the damage being done to them and their families.

This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Considering Bloom Energy's history of being generally untrustworthy, controversial, and misleading, the public should be made aware of how exactly the waste will be managed before it is forced upon them.

Fuel cell technology has never occurred at this scale. The residents of New Mexico should not be the guinea pigs for this.

Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. Over all else this community and many others should not have to suffer so that large companies and their shareholders can get more money that they could never possibly use all of.

In conclusion, the proposal for this project should be outright rejected. Thank you for your time and consideration.