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I strongly oppose the air quality permits for Project Jupiter. While I believe data centers can be built in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner, the current plans for Project Jupiter fall far short of that standard.

Las Cruces has enjoyed good air quality for generations. Project Jupiter's own permit filings acknowledge that its planned gas power generation would severely impact that air quality. By the developers' own estimates, the two microgrid power plants would emit more greenhouse gas pollution than Albuquerque and Las Cruces, New Mexico's two largest cities, combined.

I do not believe the promise of a modest number of jobs justifies this level of environmental harm. The tradeoff being offered, a relatively small number of long term jobs against a massive, permanent increase in regional air pollution is not a fair or acceptable one for the community that will have to breathe this air for generations to come. Nevermind the increase in water consumption and energy prices for residents as a result of Project Jupiter.

I also want to raise a serious concern about the integrity of this public comment process. I read dozens of comments submitted in support of Project Jupiter which were identical, submitted at the exact same time, under different names. It is clear these are not genuine letters of support from real people.

In addition, multiple news outlets have reported instances of individual's comments on the project being completely altered by Project Jupiter canvassers. Canvassers reportedly approached people in public places, collected their email addresses, and then submitted comments in their names in support of the project without consent. Multiple residents in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho have since said they discovered their names attached to pro Project Jupiter comments they did not write and do not agree with. This pattern, in addition to the dozens of comments with identical wording submitted under different names at the same time is not evidence of genuine grassroots support. I urge NMED to discard clearly manipulated submissions and to investigate this blatantly unethical campaign, as it appears designed to manufacture the appearance of public support that does not actually exist.