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I strongly urge the New Mexico Environment Department to deny Project Jupiter. New Mexico is one of the driest states in the nation, and our limited water resources are already under immense pressure from prolonged drought, population growth, and agricultural demands. Approving one of the world's largest AI data center developments places an unnecessary burden on our state's natural resources and risks consequences that future generations will be forced to bear. While the developers have modified portions of the project in response to public criticism, many fundamental questions remain unanswered. Residents deserve complete transparency regarding the project's long-term water consumption, energy requirements, emissions, environmental impacts, and the cumulative effects of future expansion. A project of this magnitude should not move forward while so many uncertainties still exist. Economic development should never come at the expense of public health, environmental sustainability, or responsible stewardship of New Mexico's natural resources. Promises of jobs and investment cannot replace clean air, reliable water supplies, and public trust. The approval process surrounding Project Jupiter has already generated significant public concern, legal challenges, and calls for greater transparency. Rather than rushing to accommodate one of the largest AI infrastructure projects ever proposed, New Mexico should prioritize protecting its residents, its environment, and its long-term future. I respectfully ask the Department to deny the requested permits and require a far more comprehensive environmental review before any further approvals are considered. New Mexico deserves economic development that is transparent, sustainable, and truly in the best interest of its people—not development that asks residents to accept irreversible environmental risks for uncertain long-term benefits.