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The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. Without this, the organization would not be accurately listening and taking into account the needs of the residents, who are the most affected. This would create a rather corrupt system. The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. That alone indicates clearly that accepting the air quality permit application would put Doña Ana County at significant risk. If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually. If not, once again, corruption would ensue. The public has the right to participate in decisions that affect them, and we deserve to be listened to. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. For years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone— this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules. Accepting the permit would only pose more risk to Doña Ana County residents, further emphasizing the dangerous state of the air quality.