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I oppose the YGI Microgrid construction in Doña Ana County and add my voice to those requesting that you deny the permit application by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC. Any way you look at it, this is a bad deal for New Mexico. It will add tons of toxic and greenhouse emissions to an area that already has dangerously high ozone levels, and use millions of gallons of water in a state that struggles with increasing droughts.

Some estimates calculate this single project will create more greenhouse emissions than the 700,000 residents of Albuquerque and Las Cruces combined - 1/3 of the entire New Mexico population. Do we really want to poison this much of our air and drain this much our water for the sake of a couple thousand temporary construction jobs and vague promises of a few hundred 'permanent' ones? The Project Jupiter data center that plans to use this grid offers shockingly little value to New Mexicans in exchange for the resources it will drain from us.

I ask that the New Mexico Environment Department make this simple calculation--this is a poor use of our state's resources, and it is not in the interest of the vast majority of New Mexicans. Please deny this application for the YGI Microgrid.