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The permit should be denied. The Applicant has far better alternatives available that will not emit carbon into the atmosphere, such as solar, wind and battery facilities. The Application is an end-run around the Energy Transition Act, and violates its spirit if not intent of the Act. Climate change includes effects such as drought, warmer temperatures and increased number and intensity of forest fires, all of which New Mexico is experiencing. It is irresponsible for the Applicant to emit more carbon than necessary into the environment, and it is irresponsible for NMED to approve unnecessary carbon emissions into the atmosphere which will exacerbate climate change. Approval of the permit violates the public interest.