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I'm a lifelong New Mexico resident who cares deeply about these lands and about the well-being of all who call them home. I'm also a public health researcher and attorney, and I spend my time working to understand the connection between governmental actions and their impacts on population health. I'm personally devastated by the impending plans of erecting a data center in my neighbors' backyard, and I don't believe the proposed changes to this permit application go nearly far enough to address the concerns of those who could face the negative externalities of this data center. This amended application for air quality permit does little to address the concerns residents have already voiced, and the proposed changes make only marginal differences to what will be astronomical and disastrous CO2 emissions. New Mexicans can see through the ad campaigns and PR remediation: Project Jupiter's plans are still categorically unsustainable and harmful to the health and well-being of Dona Ana county residents and beyond. Nothing about this project has been fair or transparent, and lawmakers should be wary of signing away the rights and health of their constituents. New Mexicans are no stranger to the deleterious effects of pollution, and we are fed up. For generations, residents have had to fight for clean-up of contaminated waters and for governmental compensation from radiation exposure that they had no ability to consent to. Project Jupiter will carry on this harmful legacy, exacerbating the depletion and pollution of already strained resources in our state, contaminating air and using the limited water we still have, with little evidence suggesting that the project will meaningfully create jobs that will sustain the lives of those who also have to deal with its negative consequences against their will. New Mexicans deserve sustainable industries, clean air and water, and most importantly, a say in what happens to their lands. NO to this wholly insufficient permit application. NO to Project Jupiter.