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Dear NMED staff, My name is Kat Newton. I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment in order to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. As an environmentalist and climate change advocate, I've been following the new progression of A.I. data centers and how they have brought new found harm to our planet. The development of this mega A.I. Data center will erase most of the climate progress we have made in the last two decades. Jupiter is proposing to emit more greenhouse gases than El Paso Electric and PNM combined, and it is not using carbon capture or any technology to reduce greenhouse gases from the fuel cells. Also, there is lack of usage of pollution controls despite the fact that they could reduce harmful pollution by more than 90% if implemented. The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. The pollution and toxins emitted by Jupiter are known to cause serious and irreversible health issues. I urge the NMED to outright reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology. Sincerely, Kat Newton