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Dear NMED staff,

My name is Brandy. I live in Santa Fe, and I am writing because I am CONCERNED about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment 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.

New Mexico does not need data centers. New Mexico has limited water sources that should only be utilized by the people within its territory. We do not need artificial intelligence centers, we are all smart, capable, humans! The proposed jobs will only last a short while and will not help in the long term. The people in Doña Ana county do not deserve to have their air, water, land and lives to be polluted for the convenience of the rich.

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 been tried at this scale.

Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to 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, Brandy