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The construction of a methane-based power plant in Doña Ana County is a horrible idea that should not be carried out. Aside from the horrible sounds and blinding lights produced by these kinds of power plants at all hours of the day, this power plant would also fill the air with toxic gases and the soil with toxic chemical waste. Bloom Energy also has a history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. Given this history, the air quality permit application should be denied; Bloom Energy clearly cannot be trusted to protect our environment. The approval of this permit would, in effect, act as government-sponsored environmental racism against the residents of Doña Ana County, not in keeping with the purposes of either the NMED or the Air Quality Bureau. The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so that community members can equitably engage with the issue. The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Furthermore, if the permit is not denied, a hearing must be held in Santa Teresa in both English and Spanish with the option to participate virtually so that community members can adequately make their voices heard.