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To the New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau,
As a native New Mexican, born and raised, I am writing to state my unequivocal and strong opposition to the YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application for the Project Jupiter development in Doña Ana County.

This project is a massive mistake for the future of our state, and I urge the Department to deny this permit.

My opposition is rooted in the following critical concerns regarding resource strain and local community impact:

Severe Resource Strain on Local Communities: New Mexico faces distinct and continuous water and energy challenges. Diverting vital water resources and generating staggering amounts of power on-site to feed a massive hyperscale data center directly threatens the livelihoods of local residents, farmers, and ranchers. Our traditional agricultural communities and local families need these resources far more than out-of-state tech infrastructure.

Disingenuous Claims Regarding Long-Term Job Creation: The developers have heavily promoted massive job numbers to justify the environmental and resource toll of this project. However, these claims are disingenuous. While data center construction creates a temporary spike in short-term labor, the reality of automated hyperscale facilities is that they require very few permanent, long-term operational roles. The long-term economic payoff for everyday New Mexicans does not justify the massive, permanent ecological and resource burden.

Unacceptable Environmental Impact: Even with a transition to fuel cell technology, the projected greenhouse gas emissions from this microgrid facility are staggering—threatening to eclipse the combined emissions of New Mexico's largest municipal areas. This is completely incompatible with protecting our state's air quality and managing our shared environmental future.

New Mexico's land, water, and air belong to the people who care for them and live here permanently, not to massive tech conglomerates looking to exploit our resources.

I strongly request that NMED deny this air quality permit and prioritize the long-term well-being of New Mexican families, farmers, and ranchers over speculative corporate development.