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Hi folks,

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste.

If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.

Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. Doña Ana County has historically experienced poor air quality due to a confluence of environmental factors, including aridification of the surrounding area, dust, and oil/gas extraction. It is critical that we as a collective in New Mexico support and advocate for this community that is historically and contemporarily experiencing environmental racism.

It is unacceptable, for the health and wellbeing of Doña Ana County and its residents, to provide this air permit for Project Jupiter and provide them any leeway in their development, particularly as farmers, communities, and New Mexicans suffer from drought, poor water management, and degradation of the ecosystems that support us.