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Bloom Energy has a dangerous history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste. Residents of Doña Ana County have already been disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. With this in mind, imagine the potentially irreversible damage that they and this project will do to so many future generations and families in Santa Teresa and Doña Ana County. Not to mention that approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental RACISM. In order for community members to have equitable participation, the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on this permit. And, if said permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in English and Spanish, and with an option to participate virtually. I have friends with family heritage in NM. If NMED's mission is "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations," then they should know very well how much damage this will not only give to their reputation, but also to the community they've sworn to environmentally foster, "restore," and "protect."