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I strongly oppose granting an air quality permit for Project Jupiter as it is currently constituted. Its initial proposal to use gas turbines for power generation would have produced 14 million tons of greenhouse gases, according to its own documentation-- more than double the amount from Albuquerque and Las Cruces combined.

Its new proposal of using fuel cells will "only" create 10 million tons of greenhouse gases, which would still make it the single largest source of emissions in New Mexico, more than 10% of the 83 million tons from all sources statewide, as cited in the 2021 New Mexico Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast. This is an extraordinary amount in itself, but doubly concerning in that it is only made possible by exploiting a loophole in the 2019 Energy Transition Act, to an extent so great as to make that legislation meaningless.

Promotional materials for Project Jupiter have consistently downplayed its true environmental impact, if not outright lied about it. (A 3/4 page ad in the June 6, 2026 Santa Fe New Mexican says "Do you support clean air? Then you support Project Jupiter.") It is up to the NMED to base its determination on the facts, which are not in favor of approving this massive source of pollutants.