

Quinn Vance

Dear NMED staff, My name is Quinn Vance. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Las Vegas, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. Project Jupiter's power plant will release up to 10 million tons of climate-warming greenhouse gasses every year. This would make a mockery of NM's climate goals, and erase most of the climate progress we have made in the last two decades. This is more greenhouse gas pollution than New Mexico's three largest cities combined – Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe. The Chihuahuan Desert borderlands are not a barren dump site for Bloom Technologies to test their experimental technologies. Santa Teresa should not serve as ground zero for Bloom Technologies to scale their toxic technologies. NMED's mission is "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations." Granting these permit applications is a direct contradiction to that mission. What happened to the public hearing the state Air Quality Bureau recommended on the previous applications that the industry has since redacted? NMED should not overlook the overwhelming community concern expressed in the last public comment period, which still applies to this same project. I urge the NMED to outright reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology. Sincerely, Quinn Vance