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I request that you reject the Yucca Growth Infrastructure's (YGI's) air quality permit application to construct a methane-fueled power plant near Santa Teresa, NM in southern Doña Ana County. I also request that you hold both a public meeting and a formal evidentiary hearing on the application.

The bottom line is that pollution from this power plant has the very real potential to harm people and the environment. YGI's pollution will add to the already unhealthy levels of both ozone and nitrogen oxides that New Mexicans are being exposed to in this area, two toxic chemicals that cause harm to our lungs, hearts, and brains, among many other health issues. This damage to air quality will also harm the surrounding ecosystem and ultimately add to the global climate crisis. YGI's power plant will be the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state of New Mexico, emitting more carbon pollution (10.1 million tons per year!)

As proposed, YGI's microgrid is disaster for our environment, and climate. The power plant would threaten the health and imperil the environment of people in New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico. New Mexico is already the fastest heating state in the continental United States. The application violates state and federal air quality laws, and NMED must reject it.

Thank you.