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I urge the Air Quality Bureau to do what's right and deny the permit for Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC / Project Jupiter. Approving the permit would directly contradict the Air Quality Bureau's mission to protect the public health of New Mexicans and our land's natural beauty. I spend much of my time at work outside in Dona Ana County, including in Santa Teresa. Any infrastructure related to Project Jupiter (or any other data center for that matter) would result in hazardous air quality that would harm me and thousands of other New Mexicans. It is unacceptable for NMED to allow Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC to move forward with their plan when it very obviously has the potential to produce thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions, cancer-causing chemicals like benzene, heavy metals (lead, arsenic, chromium), and other toxic compounds. NMED should also consider what happened with past projects of these massive out of state corporations, namely the illegal dumping of hazardous waste and falsification of records. Obviously these corporations DO NOT CARE about the people that live here in Dona Ana County, and if the Air Quality Bureau approves their permit, it will be a clear message to the public that NMED does not care either. Finally, consider the immense amount of energy that will be required to power the fuel cell plant. It would be absurd to bake the methane gas required for the fuel cells at temperatures above 1000°F in the middle of a HOT desert environment which is already struggling with fresh water availability and climate change. The fuel cell plant is likely to cause thermal pollution of the surrounding area (along with all the other forms of pollution - noise, air, water, etc) making it even more difficult for the community of Santa Teresa to survive.

At the very least I demand an extensive investigation into how the corporation plans to avoid as much pollution as possible. The people of Dona Ana County should be given more time to review and provide input as well. Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC is part of a shady operation that may be offering millions to NMED. It is essential that the public servants of the state involve the public that they serve as much as possible and consider the grave danger they will be putting New Mexicans in if they do not deny this permit. The future and land belong to all of us, not just the executives of some rich and powerful corporation willing to pay anything to squeeze the life out of the desert for their own gain. Stand up for us!

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.