

William Lopez

Dear NMED staff, My name is William Lopez. I am a Colombian resident, living in Bogota, 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. I am in the early stages of my life, and like many people of my age around the world, we are deeply concerned not only about our future, and therefore that of humanity, but also about the future of planet earth itself. We devote a large part of our time to learning about and taking action on this and other related issues, which is why we are aware of the social, economic, and, above all, environmental damage that Project Jupiter inflicts on nearby communities and the world. The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: - It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants. - This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. - Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. - Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. 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, William L.