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My name is Abigail Granath and I am a PhD candidate in the Biology Department at the University of New Mexico. I study the negative impacts that pollution has on an environment, particularly native plants and soil microbes, and how we can utilize bioremediation efforts to clean up contaminated sites. I know all too well the history New Mexico has with environmental pollution and how marginalized communities have been disproportionately affected. This has gone on for too long. People in New Mexico have been working for decades to clean up the contamination that has already occurred in this state. It disgusts me that there are active proposals to further extract, pollute, and damage our land. Enough is enough. Project Jupiter is not for the people, it is for the rich who see New Mexico as a throw away state to continue to over extract and pollute. The people of New Mexico do not want this. I have yet to come across any educated person who supports Project Jupiter. This initiative needs to be stopped.

In support of everyone fighting to stop Project Jupiter, I have these simple asks:

- 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. STOP PROJECT JUPITER NOW!