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As a resident of New Mexico in both Doña Ana and Bernilillo counties since 2010, I am wholly dissatisfied with the lack of public input before readily accepting the terms of Project Jupiter. In a region scarred by the legacy of atomic power, the poisoned downwinders should be a history lesson enough about testing the limits of science onto New Mexicans. Aside from catastrophic impacts on the climate and health of our state, the academic institutions that are already at risk face an increasing apathetic workforce and students without skills to adequately manage AI technologies.

I also speak for my daughter, who is the fourth generation to work her family's farmland in southern NM. We already risk droughts and the current Supreme Court decision should be a reckoning for the state concerning our water supply. It's going to keep getting hotter unless we make the choice to stop and think.

I stand with the New Mexico Environmental Departments mission and their mission along with their requests:

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.

For years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone— this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules.