

Dawn Vi Vigil

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Dawn Vi Vigil. I am a Tewa woman, high school teacher, mother, and grandmother, and I have lived in the Las Cruces–El Paso (La Frontera) region for over 20 years. My family and students are deeply connected to this land.

As an educator, I teach about the Chihuahuan Desert, climate change, and the importance of protecting our limited water resources. Water is essential to all life here, from our native species to our Hatch chile, and it is already under strain.

I am concerned that Project Jupiter and the YGI Microgrid in Santa Teresa will consume significant water and energy, produce pollution and toxic waste, and introduce unproven fuel cell technology at a dangerous scale. This project risks harming our air, water, and community health.

I urge the New Mexico Environment Department to REJECT the air permit application and to hold a bilingual public hearing near Santa Teresa so local tribal members and Dona Ana county residents can fully participate.

Sincerely,

Dawn Vi Vigil