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I am asking you to deny the air quality construction permit for this applicant. I am a resident of Dona Ana County, where I grew up and am proud to still live with three generations of my family. Already, the summers are unrecognizable from those of my childhood. Our summers used to be the time of our greatest outdoor adventures as kids, and now it is unsafe to be outside because of the extreme heat. I remember a time when we had far more days with water in our river than without - now it is almost always dry and we can count on one hand the weeks we will have water.

Many others have submitted comments about the specific safety concerns related to the project proposed. I want to echo those concerns. I am writing to protect the home that I love and fearing that it is already close to being lost. If this project is to continue, that fate feels all but inevitable. If we render the world we depend on for life uninhabitable in pursuit of faster, more reliable data, what good will those data systems do?