

Ana Salinas

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Ana Salinas I am a New Mexico resident, living in Albuquerque New Mexico, and 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.

We live in a dessert with limited water and resources as it stands. Not only would this data center destroy our environment but it would also damage our communities in irreversible ways. I do not want my future children drinking poisoned water. I do not want my pets breathing toxic air. And I refuse to let our government protect and prioritize billionaires and corporations over the people who live and die on our land.

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,

Ana Salinas