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I do not live in Santa Teresa but I am part of the New Mexican community. If one part of my state is impacted, the rest will soon follow if we do not speak out against this kind of decision making. Approving this permit would create the downfall of this state. New Mexicans deserve better. As I have learned, border towns such as Santa Teresa, are already impacted by environmental racism. Saying yes to this, is not going to make our state better. It will make it worse. If you truly care about New Mexicans and their future livelihoods, you will think twice before approving it. This "project" should not be allowed.

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. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

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.