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I am a Dona Ana County resident, and I am strongly opposed to this project. The developers have not been transparent about the environmental impact that this project will have on our home, and this area is already a delicate ecosystem.

Oracle is a deeply troubling company, who is in the process of moving it's headquarters to a third state since 2020. If these data centers are such a benefit to the local community and the environment, why isn't Oracle building them near their CEO's house? Why has the company's headquarters moving from California to Austin, and now to Nashville to escape regulations? Why does every single support comment on this application contain the exact same message?

We will not see long term economic benefits from this development. All profits derived from this data center will be funneled out of state to OpenAI and Oracle, two companies that will NEVER move their operations to New Mexico. Instead, this data center will operate until the term on their tax breaks have expired, all local resources have been drained, and the building falls into disrepair. Afterwards, they will build a new facility in another location that gives them better tax incentives. At that point, these tech companies will abandon our community and leave us with no water, polluted air, an enormous abandoned facility with no redevelopment potential, and sky-high utility costs.

This project should not be approved. We do not want data centers in New Mexico. I implore the NMED to research the environmental impact that similar facilities are having on nearby communities across the country. Nobody wants this here.