

Grette Lare

My name is Grette Lare. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Albuquerque, 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. It is clear that Project Jupiter was not proposed with the needs of New Mexico residents in mind. It only concerns the needs of tech billionaires who see our state as nothing more than a tool for money making. If Project Jupiter is approved the quality of life will decrease drastically for thousands of New Mexico residents. Me and my fellow New Mexicans are speaking up out of genuine concern. We want New Mexico to be liveable for future generations. We ask that you put the needs of the people before profit. 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, Grette Lare