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As a Doña Ana County Resident, a resident of Las Cruces, I am urging the New Mexico Environment Department to deny this permit. The department has a mission to "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations." Project Jupiter threatens the NMED's very mission to foster a healthy environment for New Mexico with the current proposal for energy generation not only releasing pollutants into the air but threatens our community in Southern New Mexico with other hazardous waste as a result of fuel cell plant.

Any advancement of Project Jupiter to operate is a threat to Southern New Mexico. This AI Data Center is demanding more energy than the largest urban areas of New Mexico, entailing that the pollution to power this project will also double our state's pollution concentrated in Southern New Mexico. Pollutants include carbon monoxide and noxious gas that causes many chronic diseases to those living nearby. Our area is considered rural to many but in truth, we live in tandem with the communities of El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez. The pollutants produced by Project Jupiter will not harm New Mexicans but our neighbors in Texas and Mexico.

I will also highlight that the NMED acknowledges and understand the importance of climate change. Allowing this data center to operate will set back our state's climate goals. Southern New Mexico is already impacted by climate change with less rain during our monsoon seasons, and our summer heat lasting well into our fall season.

Lastly, I want to point out that the creator of this project has consistently failed to inform the community about the plans and intentions they have for our community natural resources. As I am writing this, they have also been reported to be out of compliance with their jobs report to the county. This project will sacrifice our community for jobs that is already going to out-of-state workers.

It is detrimental to the health and future of the residents of New Mexico that you deny this permit.