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"I am a resident of Grant County, NM, and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. We are adjacent to Dona Ana County, and I want to continue raising my children here knowing they have a safe and secure future. That future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the impacts we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. Our metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into our communities.

The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. We have no reason to believe they will be responsible now. Further, a fuel cell plant of this size has NEVER been constructed before. Project Jupiter's power plant would be 1,000 times larger than the biggest fuel cell plant Bloom Energy has ever built.

At the very least, the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

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.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Lamborn
Silver City"