

Reagan Morris

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Reagan Morris. I live in Las Cruces, 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.

I am coming to you as a member of the public, who continually sees the struggles of a disproportionately affected community. These people by no means have the resources to fight back against the negative effects brought about by Project Jupiter. As a government agency you have the responsibility to look out for the well-being of all citizens, but by allowing Project Jupiter to advance you are serving a multi-million dollar company with no interest in the people, animals, and environment they could potentially harm. I've seen all the ads put out by the companies backing the project. I see how they prey on the lack of knowledge from their audience. People unfamiliar and uninformed may see no downside, but they forget to mention the multitude of environmental consequences Project Jupiter brings.

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 been tried at this scale.

Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to 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.