

# Elaine Thomas

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Elaine Thomas. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Albuquerque, NM, 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 not anti-AI, I support the technology wholeheartedly as a programmer. I oppose this power plant because it will add more greenhouse gas pollution than New Mexico's three largest cities combined – Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe.

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,

Elaine Thomas