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I am writing to you to express my deep concern with the environmental and human health impacts of "Project Jupiter" in Dona Ana County. The detrimental impacts of the proposed gas-powered fuel cell plant on our essential air and water resources are not worth any economic incentives that may be offered by this data center project. Please recognize that the air pollution and hazardous waste produced by the proposed Project Jupiter fuel cell plant have the potential to cause extreme harm to the residents of Santa Theresa, who are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. Powering Project Jupiter will produce more air pollution than ALL of the consumer electrical grids in NM, and will affect the shared airsheds of Las Cruces, El Paso, and Cd. Juárez. The air quality permit application should also be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. Adding more industrial fossil fuel emissions to power the proposed data center project is NOT the solution for protecting the environmental health and prosperity of Doña Ana County - now or in the future.

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

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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.

Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. For years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone— this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules.