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I live in Fort Mitchell Kentucky, but just because I live so far away does not mean I do not care for the safety of the people of Southern Doña Ana County and under no circumstances do I want experimental technology deployed at an unprecedented scale in such an area where many people are in danger due to the air pollution that will spread due to this Data Center. Yucca Growth Infrastructure's gas-powered fuel cell plant is 1,000 times larger than Bloom Energy's biggest existing fuel cell plant. In fact, worldwide, Bloom Energy has developed 1.4 GW of fuel cell technology across more than a thousand locations, yet Yucca Growth Infrastructure is asking for nearly double that (2.46 GW of fuel cells) at a singular location. The largest fuel cell plant in the entire world is more than 30 times smaller than the fuel cell plant under consideration in Santa Teresa. There is absolutely no way to know, with certainty, what the actual pollution levels will be given the tremendous size differential, and thus gap in data, between operational fuel cell plants and this theoretical plant proposed by Yucca Growth Infrastructure. Betting the livability of our county on this unpredictable and unproven plan would be a total capitulation and betrayal of your so-called values: "protects the public health of New Mexicans...by preventing the deterioration of air quality;" "protect and restore the environment...foster a healthy NM for present and future generations". Many people are at risk of illnesses due to the air pollution that will spread across the county. Children attending Santa Teresa Elementary School will sit innocently, every day, LESS THAN ONE MILE from this pollution. Three other schools, an elder care center, and three public parks sit within around 4 miles of this project. Deny this air permit. Gambling with the fragile health of our children and elders would be a complete defilment of the authority vested in you.