

Hana Porrua

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Hana Porrua and I am a proud New Mexico resident. I work in Emergency medicine, and I live in Las Cruces. I am reaching out with deep concerns about the risks Project Jupiter poses to our community.

Please, NMED, I ask you to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

Project Jupiter's power plant is predicted to release up to 10 million tons of climate-warming greenhouse gasses every year. We already live in a nonattainment zone, in which our air quality is regularly unsafe for sensitive groups. This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Moving forward on this proposal would make an absolute mockery of NM's climate goals, and erase most of the climate progress we have made in the last two decades.

Additionally, Bloom's fuel cell technology has never occurred at this scale, and will produce a lot of heat! We already experience triple-digit summers. This matters to me as a healthcare professional, because the combination of poor air quality and extreme heat creates a deadly combination that we see all summer long in the emergency department. I care about the health and wellbeing of the residents of Dona Ana County!

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,

Hana Porrua