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Dear staff of the NMED,

I write to you in order to strongly urge you to reject "Project Jupiter," Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

This project poses extreme danger to the people, wildlife, and entire environment of New Mexico. New Mexico is a beautiful state, and this proposed data center will not make it more beautiful. It will mar the land, leech it dry of its health and resources, and leave it a shell of its former self. There is no worse deed than harming children, but this project, if accepted, will do just that without remorse. This proposed AI data center will be dangerously close to local schools and the residential areas in which they live, while continuously polluting the area and draining large amounts of water that New Mexico cannot afford to give away.

This pollution is not just limited to air pollution, which in itself will be devastating to the health of the many children and adults who live in this area. AI data centers also impose extreme noise pollution, which is similarly extremely harmful to the health of residents and wildlife. Noise pollution can cause exponentially high risk of cardiovascular and metabolic health risks (including high blood pressure and heart attacks), extreme loss of sleep due to constant and extremely loud noise (which in itself leads to a multitude of health issues), and hearing loss, just to name a few. These dangers will be pressed upon adults and children, for no better reason than more money for those far up. It is imperative that Project Jupiter is rejected due to it placing the health and even the lives of all residents, including innocent children.

Furthermore, the companies behind this project refuse to even acknowledge anything that paints this project in a poor light. They are ultimately dishonest and have been caught in the act of submitting false comments that claim to be in support of Project Jupiter, under the names of other individuals without their consent. They then refused to comment on the matter when questioned. These companies are facing lawsuits regarding this issue and a number of others. Any project that apparently "aids" the people should not be in such a position to begin with. Even still, Bloom Energy, one of the companies behind this project, has a history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste. Even now, the procedure of how the emissions from this project will be handled, should it be accepted, are unclear. It is clear that the companies leading this project do not have the better interest of the people in mind, no matter what they may say.

The only thing that they have the better interest of is having deeper pockets. And for it, they are willing to sacrifice the health and possibly the lives of residents, including children, who will constantly be exposed to the pollutants produced by the proposed AI data center.

For these reasons, myself and many others are writing to you to encourage you to completely reject Project Jupiter. If the permit is not denied outright, a hearing must be held in Santa Teresa, in both Spanish and English, with an option to participate virtually, so that all members of this community may participate equally.