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I am a Student Doctor and Resident of Dona Ana county and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels.

Many of these pollutants can cause irreversible health damage, including and not limited to: childhood asthma, multiorgan damage to the liver, kidney, and brain, as well as increased risk of cancers such as leukemia and lymphomas. Dona Ana currently faces a critical shortage of healthcare professionals and does not have the adequate infrastructure to support the hundreds if not thousands of New Mexicans whose health will be impacted by the development of Project Jupiter for generations to come.

In order to protect the health and well being of current and future New Mexicans, it is imperative that you deny this air permit or hold a public hearing in-person in Santa Teresa with a component for virtual participation. Materials and the hearing itself must be translated into Spanish and meet any other accessibility needs requested by community members.