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I am a resident of Doña Ana county and I am requesting NMED to deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. The residents of New Mexico, and more specifically our county DO NOT WANT OUR AIR POLLUTED. During the last comment period, thousands of comments were submitting requesting to reject the air quality permits for Project Jupiter, now Project Jupiter is resubmitting with new fuel cell technology. Oracle and Open AI know how unpopular data centers are and realize that people around the nation are not going to stand for air pollution, water waste, and noise pollution. Project Jupiter has now dumped thousands and probably millions of dollars on propaganda to try and gain "support" for this disaster. They have PAID canvassers that walk around Albuquerque and Las Cruces to get signatures. And pay locals to promote Project Jupiter. There have been first hand reports of pedestrians OPPOSING Project Jupiter, and the canvassers will submit their name and email in support despite people verbalizing opposition. NMED, please be wary of these many signatures in support of this Project, they have PAID for artificial support. There are even instances of canvassers trying to get signatures from the homeless populations in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. Project Jupiter is MANUFACTURING CONSENT through these paid canvassers, both on the ground and through social media. This is dangerous for the representation of public opinion and is highly unethical and questionable. If Project Jupiter is willing to use money and questionable tactics to push their data center and air quality permits forward, what other boundaries are they willing to cross? Oracle and Open AI behind Project Jupiter have the funds to pay for fake support, but this shouldn't mean that they can be approved to pollute our air, water, and land and push these boundaries further. We do not want air polluted with 10 million tons of carbon dioxide, especially next to a school. We want development for jobs, but not temporary construction jobs that go mainly to out of state residents. New Mexico is better than this. Santa Fe county has passed a moratorium on data centers. Will New Mexico allow the "Not in My Backyard" attitude to deny data centers in the more white and more wealthy counties and allow the exploitation of rural and predominantly nonwhite counties? NMED, we can decide to be better. PLEASE deny this permit. Approving this permit will allow not only the degradation of this beautiful state, but set a precedent for allowing air pollution and water wasting and extraction in water poor areas that are predominantly rural. If you haven't yet, look at the stories of communities impacted by large scale data centers, such as those in Loudoun County Virginia. Property values plummeting, constant noise pollution harming the health of residents, lies sold to county representatives. This project is not only a danger to New Mexicans, but all of the US. We are sitting PAST the tipping point of irreversible climatic change. New Mexico has seen UNPRECEDENTED fires earlier in the season that last into the winter. This is a direct result of unfettered carbon emissions. For what? What will this project provide? No sufficient long term jobs. No water to drink. No land for biodiversity. WE WANT WATER TO FLOW THROUGH THE RIO GRANDE, NOT TO COOL TURBINES. WE WANT AIR TO BREATHE DEEPLY AS WE WALK AND HIKE AND TRAVERSE OUR STATE, AND NOT BREATHE CARBON EMISSIONS. Why are we sacrificing our resources for billionaires' AI projects? They only wish to take part in the AI boom while it's happening and abandon this project when it's no longer profitable. I cannot touch AI, AI cannot water pecan trees, AI cannot be cycled through our respiratory systems. We are sacrificing so much for a project that will only further harm society at large. NMED, deny this permit.