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I truly believe that the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. And more importantly that the permit should be straight up denied considering Bloom Energy has a history of illegally dumping hazardous materials.

New Mexicans already with unclean water, polluted air, a history of health issues among the down winders, etc. and especially in the Sunland Park and Santa Teresa area do they struggle with access to clean water. Letting a company known for dumping hazardous materials have access to an air quality permit is just reckless.

Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution.

If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.