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Dear NMED staff, I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses on a global scale. The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants. A 15% "safety margin" was added to the numbers provided by the applicant. Safety margins are not usually added if a company is confident in the accuracy of their pollution estimates. A proposal, such as this one, that relies on computer simulation modeling instead of actual, measured air pollution at scale is invalid and untrustworthy. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. 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.