

Ariana Bitsui

Dear NMED staff, My name is Ariana Bitsui. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Rio Rancho, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. Our water resources are already severely depleted. I have lived here all my life and I am scared how this huge corporation will effect the environment and it's toxic pollutants to our air. New Mexico is a land that must be preserved and cherished not sold to a corporation that will do more harm than good for our land and future generations. 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 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.

Sincerely, Ariana