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I request that you reject the Yucca Growth Infrastructure's (YGIs) air quality permit application to construct a methane-fueled power plant near Santa Teresa, NM in southern Doña Ana County. I also request that you hold both a public meeting and a formal evidentiary hearing on the application.

YGI's power plant will be the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state of New Mexico, emitting more carbon pollution (10.1 million tons per year!) than New Mexico's three largest cities – Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces – combined.

Pollution from this power plant has the very real potential to harm people and the environment, adding to the already unhealthy levels of both ozone and nitrogen oxides that New Mexicans are being exposed to in this area, two toxic chemicals that cause harm to our lungs, hearts, and brains, among many other health issues.

This increased air pollution will harm the surrounding ecosystem and add to the global climate crisis.