

Liberty Garner

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Liberty Garner. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Las Cruces, 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.

I have a young daughter whose future I worry about. Project Jupiter poses risks to the environment that I am extremely uncomfortable raising a child around. Additionally, I worry about all those right next to the sight due to light pollution, air quality etc. There are already issues with the data center in Santa Teresa putting out extreme light pollution.

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,

Liberty Garner