

## Emily Freeman

Dear NMED staff, My name is Emily Freeman. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Albuquerque, 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. The last thing we need in New Mexico is a data center. We are in a desert, currently in a drought, and the summers are only going to get hotter. The impact this data center will have on the environment and the surrounding communities will be detrimental. Doña Ana county has a rich history, and New Mexican families have been living there for generations. The data center will only cause harm to New Mexicans—affecting the environments, families, and communities who make up the culture and beauty of the state. 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, Emily Freeman