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I urge you to extend the public comment period for the proposed air quality permit by an additional 60 days to ensure that all community members have a fair and equitable opportunity to review the application and provide meaningful input. I also believe the permit application should be rejected because of Bloom Energy's documented history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. This record raises serious concerns about the company's ability to operate responsibly and protect public health and the environment. If the permit is not rejected, I request that a public hearing be held in Santa Teresa with interpretation available in both English and Spanish, and that community members also have the option to participate online to maximize accessibility. Approving this permit would further burden a community that already faces significant environmental pollution. Doña Ana County has long been designated as a non-compliance area for air quality, meaning it does not meet federal air quality standards. Moving forward with this permit would disproportionately impact an already overburdened community and raise serious environmental justice concerns. Please prioritize the health, safety, and voices of the people of Doña Ana County by extending the comment period, rejecting this permit, or at the very least ensuring a fully accessible public hearing before any decision is made.