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I am a resident of _____ and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. I live here with many generations of my family and this is our home. I want to continue raising my children here knowing they have a safe and secure future. That future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. Our metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into our communities. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. Last summer, my 7 year old suffered a grand mal seizure while on the playground at school because the extreme heat led to electrolyte imbalances. My brother works outside everyday without shade or rest breaks and has nowhere to keep his insulin cool. I can barely pay my electricity bills in the summer as it is. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels. How am I supposed to send my kids to school knowing what they are breathing. In the 1950s, uranium mining moved to Navajo Nation outside of Gallup. Big companies like UNC promised new jobs. They promised wealth to residents. They promised a change in the right direction. Now, in 2026? The jobs are gone. Uranium dust lingers. Babies are born with uranium in their bodies. Our elders are dying of cancers. They made promises that they did not keep, because they knew that if they got access to our state, no financial penalty, no damage that they could cause, would be worth avoiding for the profit their companies could gain. We are a valuable resource to them, and a finite one. There's one key difference between then and now: this time, we know the consequences. We know what will happen. We will be depleted and left sick and dying. But we know how to prevent it! To this day, I have not met a single New Mexican who supports the construction of the Doña Ana County data center. Political party has had no impact on their opinions. The fact of the matter is simple: those constructing Project Jupiter have no motivation to protect New Mexicans. They have no incentive to protect our health, jobs, and land. Say no and give them hell. For OUR PEOPLE. So our children have drinking water that isn't brown. So we can water our crops. So we have inhabitable cool lands and our elders are protected from heat exhaustion.