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Dear NMED staff, My name is Lane Wheeler. I am not a New Mexico resident, I live in Keizer, Oregon, but 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 care about my generation's and the future generation's futures, and this giant data center puts our futures at risk. The climate is already in jeopardy and a giant data center for AI is unnecessary and dangerous. Generative AI steals water, information, art, jobs, and people's intelligence, it was never essential to the average person's day then and that should remain true to now. 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, Lane Wheeler