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My name is Trenton White, and I'm a student at New Mexico State University. I'm writing this comment to ask that you deny this new air quality permit, as it does very little to solve the fundamental issues at hand with Project Jupiter's environmental concerns. While this new fuel cell technology promotes itself as a safe and environmental option of renewable energy, it's technology is unproven to work at this large of a scale, and the energy itself still needs harmful energy resources like natural gas to work. While I'm not an expert, and I'm sure not the informed person on this topic, I have not heard a single positive thing about Project Jupiter, and it's plan to greatly hurt our environment for the sake of making it's billionaire owners richer. I can ensure you that many NMSU students like myself don't want this project near us, and rather, would want to move as far away from it rather than live near this harmful project.

I personally call for this air quality permit to be denied, or for the air quality permit to be extended by at least 60 days, so that more students which are the future of this region and state can make their voices heard. Additionally, I call for further transparency on Project Jupiter, which has worked hard to keep the community in the dark and hide their harmful statistics from the public.

If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.

Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution.