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I am writing to express my strong opposition toward the Yucca Infrastructure Microgrid Air Quality Construction permit. After reading much research concerning fuel cells and the greenhouse gases they emit (more than Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces combined) it seems extremely clear that this project would exacerbate the current climate crisis and endanger the health of those living nearby. These centers also require an enormous amount of water and power to operate. The state is currently in a devastating drought and the power grid is already pushed the brink as people employ swamp coolers to cool their homes in a steadily warming climate. With these realities in mind, it is absurd to think that local politicians would permit such extravagant exploitation of these dwindling resources. There is also abundant research indicating that data centers (placed in predominantly poor neighborhoods and rural areas across the country) pollute the air and water of neighboring communities. All for no tangible benefit. If the issue is job creation, the state would do better to invest in renewable energy and the myriad jobs that would be required for green infrastructure.