

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Bryanna Hutchinson I am a New Mexico resident, living in Rio Rancho but grew up in Taos and 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 was born and raised in Taos, New Mexico. I am 24 years old and have already seen the negative effects of climate change in New Mexico since I was a child till now. To have something built that has so much uncertainty to what it will do to our land and has already been denied by our communities in the past I feel like there needs to be transparency of this situation. What happened to the public hearing the state Air Quality Bureau recommended on the previous applications that the industry has since redacted? NMED should not overlook the overwhelming community concern expressed in the last public comment period, which still applies to this same project.

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 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,

Bryanna H.