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I am an Italian citizen and even though i may live hundreds of kilometers away from where Project Jupiter is taking place, and yet the magnitude of the damage this operation will bring forces ms to take action, even as far as I am. I want to secure myself and mu little sister a decent lifestyle in the future, knowing that she too will be safe and secure, whit a fair chance to life and prosperity. 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. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the history of humanity itself. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into existence. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. 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 build myself a future, knowing that i may never gey to see it through? Knowing air itself can cause permanent brain damage or breathing complications before I have had a chance to grow up. Fuel cells also create hazardous waste and the fuel cell provider for this project has a history of illegally dumping this waste and hiding it for several years. This company will likely repeat its bad habits, illegally dumping dangerous waste material, and i won't stand for it.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied outright given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

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