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The data center proposed for Dona Ana County will be harmful to the environment and community well-being. New Mexico is in a historic drought. Using water to cool an over-sized data center will only worsen New Mexico's water availability. Data centers of this size have also been shown to increase the cost of electricity for community members, a thing most New Mexicans cannot afford. Also, it has not been shown that this data center will in anyway benefit New Mexico in the LONG TERM. Yes, temporary construction jobs will flood the state, but data centers require few, if any, long term personnel to run. Such projects should be put on a moratorium until deemed absolutely necessary by the public. Thank you.