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I am a resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico and moved here in the past year due to the opportunities and policies available here. This land is a large part of the pride I feel living here now. I have been part of the fight for clean air in El Paso, Texas where there is already little regulation causing Doña Ana County and the surrounding region to be a non-attainment zone due to the excessive corporate pollution. I believe, and research shows, that having a data center in Doña Ana County will further pollute our air. It is for this reason the air quality permit should be denied. If the comments you have already received isn't convincing enough, extend the time window for public comment. The public deserves an additional 60 days to review and comment on this air quality permit, because that is who is going to be directly affected. Not investors and not the leadership of large corporations with empty promises. Bloom Energy even has a history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. This alone should indicate how at risk our region is at the very possibility of an air quality permit being granted. Communities all over the nation have spoken up on the harm of these centers. It's time Doña Ana County be the example of a place where people are heard over environmentally toxic corporations. Should a permit not be denied, the public deserves an accessible public hearing. This would include having the public hearing provide virtual participation opportunities and allowing for it to take place in both English and Spanish so all community members may attend, hear, and be understood.