

Lykie Stump

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Lykie Stump. I live in Alamogordo, moving to Las Cruces soon, 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.

New Mexico is a beautiful state. Our beauty is often dismissed, as people can't believe desert could be as gorgeous as it is. The proposed development would destroy a large section of our desert, while polluting our air and undoing all the environmental progress we as a state have worked on.

This state is the one I've been proud to call home. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else, but these developments terrify me, as I don't want to see our wonderful home so detrimentally poisoned by these types of pollutants.

I'm severely asthmatic, and this sort of pollution can be so detrimental for those of us with any type of lung issue as well. If these plans are built, it will make people sick.

Furthermore, 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 or a centralized waste system has never been tried at this scale.
- Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to 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. Our state tries its best to make sure people can be educated in their language, so please extend it to this.

Sincerely, Lykie Stump