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To begin, this project should be illegal. Data centers that are a fraction of the size are already detrimental to the communities and environments surrounding it. To multiply it by 10x would do unremarkable damage to the ecosystem. The resources are already limited and with this data center, they will be milked dry. AI is doing so much harm for the public for something that nobody even asked for. If you cared about our planet in the next 5 years, you wouldn't have to think twice about implementing this project.

New Mexico Environment Department should give the public 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.