

Samantha Storz

Dear NMED,

My name is Samantha Storz. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Truth or Consequences, 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.

Across the country, AI data centers are causing harm to rural communities. They poison the environment, poison the water, create noise pollution, and over use precious resources. New Mexico should heed these warnings. We do not need any more stresses on our delicate desert environment! Why should we allow this Corporation to use our precious resources, especially our water?

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 has never occurred at this scale.

Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to outright 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.

Sincerely,

Samantha Storz