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I am a resident of New Mexico and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. I live here as a 15th generation New Mexican and this is my home. I am only 18 years old, so it's my future on the line. I want to continue growing here and eventually raise my children here knowing that they will have a safe and secure future. My future, and the future of those around me is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. Our metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyper-scale air pollution into our communities. We already have enough setbacks and challenges in this state and we don't need more. This plant is unnecessary and does not benefit the residents of New Mexico. Our health is at risk for the benefit of a large, private company.

The public should be given 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.