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Dear NMED staff,

My name is Keith, 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.

I am young, and I should be promised a long, healthy life. Instead, I am already living in fear of what tomorrow will look like because massive AI data centers continue to pop up all around the United States. This one particularly will ensure that the fresh water humans NEED to survive will be gone and wasted by the time it is my privilege to begin my adult career. Do you live in fear of flushing the toilet because you do not know when the next amount of fresh water will be in your household? How often do you shower or wash your hands with fresh water? Do you drink any beverages? Do you do the dishes? Do you have children to bathe? These are simple needs that are becoming luxuries.

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 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,
Keith Gangewere