

June 26, 2026

New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Public Comment in Support of Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter
(Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)**

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

As President of Picacho Mountain, I am pleased to submit these comments in support of the air quality permit applications filed by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

At Picacho Mountain, our mission is centered on creating exceptional communities where people can live, work, and enjoy a high quality of life throughout every stage of life. Successful communities are not built through housing alone—they are built by creating an environment where employers invest, families choose to stay, and residents have access to meaningful career opportunities close to home.

From that perspective, Project Jupiter represents an important opportunity for Southern New Mexico. Communities grow stronger when they are able to attract employers that provide stable, high-quality jobs. Those investments support not only the workers employed by the project itself, but also the businesses, restaurants, retailers, healthcare providers, schools, and service industries that benefit from a growing local economy.

As residential developers, we understand that economic development and housing development go hand in hand. Families are more likely to purchase homes and invest in their communities when they have confidence in the local economy and the availability of long-term employment. Likewise, employers seeking to expand look for communities that offer quality neighborhoods, recreational amenities, and a strong sense of place. These relationships reinforce one another and help create sustainable, vibrant communities.

Southern New Mexico continues to be one of the state's most promising regions for growth. Investments like Project Jupiter help strengthen that momentum by encouraging additional private investment, expanding opportunities for local businesses, and enhancing the overall attractiveness of the region for future employers and residents alike.

At the same time, responsible growth requires responsible planning. We believe development should respect the environment, engage the community, and comply with New Mexico's environmental standards. A transparent, science-based permitting process provides the appropriate framework for ensuring projects are developed responsibly while allowing communities to realize the benefits of thoughtful investment. We are encouraged by Project

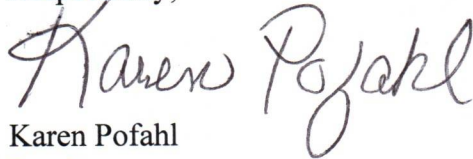
Jupiter's willingness to evolve in response to community feedback and incorporate improvements that further strengthen the project.

Creating communities that thrive for generations requires balancing economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and long-term planning. We believe Project Jupiter reflects those principles and has the potential to contribute meaningfully to the continued growth and success of Southern New Mexico.

For these reasons, Picacho Mountain supports approval of the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC. We appreciate the Environmental Improvement Board's thoughtful consideration and its commitment to ensuring New Mexico remains a place where responsible development and strong communities can flourish together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karen Pofahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pofahl".

Karen Pofahl
President
Picacho Mountain