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I am a resident of Albuquerque and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. I am 16 years old and for years I have sat in classrooms and learned about New Mexico's history of exploitation, we were used and abused to test new technology like nuclear war heads. I've read about the Navajo Nation and the harm uranium mines brought to their way of life. I remember being thankful that so much of that treatment was in the past but this data center threatens to bring a new age of exploration and pollution. New Mexico has been exploited by outsiders for hundreds of years don't allow that legacy to continue. It is no secret that these exploiters target non-white communities the approval of this permit is just creating another chapter in the long history of environmental racism. Doña Ana County is majority Hispanic and already has struggles with air pollution issues and this data center is just going to make the problem worse. In the past Bloom Energy has ignored our laws that are supposed to help protect people, they illegally dumped hazardous waste just to line the pockets of the people at the top. We shouldn't reward companies that do such things with more permits and opportunities to harm our planet. I am young with my whole life ahead of me and I'm scared that my life and its quality will be damaged or even cut short by the environmental destruction this data center will bring. We are in a time where we should be decreasing Co2 pollution in our atmosphere not using experimental fuel cells to produce more. People over profits reject this application.