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This permit application should be rejected. The Las Cruces and El Paso areas have among the highest particulate and ozone pollution in the country. Specific ratings and the American Lung Association link are listed below.

It is extremely irresponsible to add any additional power generation that causes air pollution in the region. This is particularly outrageous, since it is not necessary: southern New Mexico is one of the best areas in the country for solar power. Moreover, this proposal is for a project with a relatively small number of permanent jobs.

El Paso/Las Cruces:

Ranked 16 worst for high ozone days out of 226 metropolitan areas

Ranked 27 worst for 24-hour particle pollution out of 224 metropolitan areas

Ranked 31 worst for annual particle pollution out of 211 metropolitan areas

<https://www.lung.org/research/sota/city-rankings/msas/el-paso-las-cruces-tx-nm>