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The building of the Project Jupiter data center in southern New Mexico greatly concerns me. I don't understand why these data centers that use water for cooling are being built where water is scarce and temperatures are hot. It seems inefficient to say the least. It is also insane how much power these data centers need; more than either of the largest cities in New Mexico. The real reason the are being built here is likely that the land was cheap and the didn't think they would get much resistance from the population. I have lived in Southern New Mexico and West Texas for many years and know that the air quality in this area is not particularly the best already many days. It seems like the Project Jupiter data center will make the quality of life for residents in this area much worse. The only people who will really benefit are the tech billionaires and investors. After initial construction, there will be very little long term job creation and economic growth in this area. It is time to stop trading the future of our families and children for short term profit and increased shareholder value. For the reasons stated above the air quality permit should be denied and the public comment period should be extended to allow more community involvement in the decision making process. If the permit is not denied then a public hearing should be held in Santa Teresa in both English and Spanish.