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While I am a resident of Cape Coral, Project Jupiter is barely the beginning for the mass depletion of clean drinking water in the U.S. as AI Data Centers uses billions of freshwater annually to cool down their servers. Although AI is seen as the future for technology advances, there will not be a future if there is no clean drinking water available for people. There are already millions of people who go without clean drinking water throughout the world. The absence of clean drinking water will bring forth a significant increase in diseases. AI Data Centers also noticeably decrease air quality as more energy is demanded of the region and more fossil fuels are needed for the power grid. The application of the air quality permit should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste. The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. If the application can not be denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with options to participate virtually.