

Rebecca Garcia

Dear NMED staff, My name is Rebecca Garcia. I am a life long New Mexico resident, living in Albuquerque, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. I am concerned because I am raising children and I want them to have clean air and access to water for their quality of life. This project will impact their lives far after I am gone and it is not fair. We already have limited water supplies if you look at how the Rio Grande is practically empty at the moment. This will not be a good thing for our community now and far into the future. This will impact for years and years and it will not be a good impact. New Mexico's children and families deserve better and this project should be denied. The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants. This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. I urge the NMED to outright reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology. Sincerely, Rebecca Garcia