

Mary Jane

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Mary Jane. I live far from New Mexico, but 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 may not be a resident, but I do hold the safety of communities to a great extent, even those outside my own. I believe that Project Jupiter fails to address the real issues that the data centers will create for the community, especially to those who will be directly affected by it. Santa Teresa Elementary and High School are located within five miles of this project site. 96% of students at the high school are hispanic. There are also day care centers located within miles of this site. This is an environmental injustice to these children who are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of NOX, CO, and VOCs. Not only do they put children's health be at risk, they have also failed to inform the local government of their doings.

Tribal governments like Tortugas Pueblo, Ysleta del Sur, and Pueblo communities with landholdings in Doña Ana county near the site have not been properly notified of this air permit application request. This is unacceptable.

In Addition, 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 been tried at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to 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.