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Despite not living in New Mexico where this is taking place, the effects of this data center will not just affect the people living so closely to where it's being built but the environment of NM as well. Those effects will certainly impact the rest of the nation and our climate as well. I specifically want to amplify the voices of the direct residents of New Mexico, in which the construction of this data center will harm by providing a comment of their own: A proposal, such as this one, that relies on computer simulation modeling instead of actual, measured air pollution at scale is invalid, untrustworthy, and far from what residents of Doña Ana County and New Mexico deserve. What data was used to train these models? When and where was this data collected? What proportion of those involved in the development of this model have, at any time, received money from the corporations involved? How much? If NMED allows group testing for this project, 99% of the exhaust stacks at this facility will never be physically tested during the entire life of the Title V permit. This creates an unmonitored loophole that violates the Clean Air Act's mandate for continuous compliance.

We know the pollution approximations provided are based on an extremely lazy testing methodology and while we were not told whether these 4 tests were even done on-site or during peak temperatures, we can safely assume the applicants cut corners here as well in an attempt to fast track this approval. As I write this, Project Jupiter is draining an undisclosed amount of water from our shared aquifer on a daily basis. Given the statistical invalidity of their pollution estimates, approving this air permit under any circumstance would be to allow this project to introduce unmitigated and undisclosed hazards into our air without consequence.

Children attending Santa Teresa Elementary School will sit innocently, every day, LESS THAN ONE MILE from this pollution.

Three other schools, an elder care center, and three public parks sit within around 4 miles of this project. Deny this air permit. Gambling with the fragile health of our children and elders would be a complete defilement of the authority vested in you. Please heed the outrage of the average person so visibly in opposition to AI and the construction of data centers. We didn't ask for it and we don't need it.