

Josephine Lewis

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Josephine Lewis. I live in [place of residence], 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.

A.I. is not an inevitable technology. A.I. is a threat to human well-being and represents a threat to the people of New Mexico. The climate catastrophe is impending unless drastic measures are taken to conserve our precious resources. Project Jupiter's power plant will release up to 10 million tons of climate-warming greenhouse gases every year. This would make a mockery of NM's climate goals, and erase most of the climate progress we have made in the last two decades. The NMED has the opportunity NOW to set a precedent of resisting corporate greed that is KILLING our ecosystems and serve its other resource -- the New Mexican people. This is a rare OPPORTUNITY of resistance to a future that the 1% who profit from climate change want to convince everyone is unavoidable.

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.

Sincerely,

Josephine Lewis