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I am writing to submit my formal comment regarding the pending air quality permit application for Bloom Energy. NMED's stated mission is "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations." Furthermore, the Air Quality Bureau is tasked with protecting public health and preventing the deterioration of our air quality. To uphold these essential commitments, I urge the Bureau to consider the following critical points regarding this permit: Request for Extension: The public must be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on this air quality permit. A brief timeline limits community engagement, and an extension is required so community members can participate equitably. Permit Denial Based on Track Record: The air quality permit application should be denied completely, given Bloom Energy's history of illegally dumping hazardous waste. Requirement for a Public Hearing: If the permit is not outright denied, NMED must host a formal public hearing. This hearing needs to be held locally in Santa Teresa, conducted in both English and Spanish, and include a fully accessible option to participate virtually. Environmental Racism Concerns: Approving this permit would constitute government-sponsored environmental racism. The residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by severe environmental pollution. Nonattainment Status: For years, Doña Ana County has been designated as a "nonattainment" zone. This means our local air quality already fails to meet federal government health and safety rules. Adding further emissions to an overburdened area is unacceptable. Thank you for your time and your strict attention to the health and safety of New Mexico residents.