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I am a resident of the United Kingdom and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. Many people of generations live in this area and this is their home. Parents and children want to be able to live in this area, knowing that they have a safe and secure future. That future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. There are people that have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000; they are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into these communities.

The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. During summer, children suffer from seizures at school because the extreme heat leads to electrolyte imbalances. People work outside everyday without shade or rest breaks and have nowhere to keep their insulins cool. Electricity bills are getting out of hand and people can barely even afford to pay them in the summer as it is. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous-many of them at very low levels. How are parents supposed to send their kids to school knowing what they are breathing in? Knowing it can cause permanent brain damage or breathing complications before they have had a chance to grow up.

Fuel cells also create hazardous waste and the fuel cell provider for this project has a history of illegally dumping this waste and hiding it for several years. This company will likely repeat its bad habits, illegally dumping dangerous and undisclosed chemicals into our public landfills, and we will just have to wait until somebody notices? This county has and continues to face an illegal dumping epidemic so how can we be sure that these systemic oversight failures we have locally won't continue and expand to include this dangerous and experimental fuel cell operation. A fine for illegal dumping does not undo damage or its spread once our aquifer and soils are contaminated. It also will not re-capture the volatile chemicals that are released into the air when hazardous waste is improperly stored and disposed of.

Families' health and safety should be worth more than the profits of out-of-state corporations. The only defensible options moving forward are to deny this air permit or you must hold a public hearing in-person in Santa Teresa with a component for virtual participation. Materials and the hearing itself must be translated into Spanish and meet any other accessibility needs requested by community members.