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Dear NMED staff,

My name is Miranda. I live in Manila, Philippines, 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.

I am currently in highschool and I'm scared for the future and the harms of what this project can do to our environment. I wanna make an action to stop this, to stop the project from releasing toxic fuel and to stop it from consuming the water that we humans need along with other habitats to live. This project is unnecessary and harmful to our ecosystem. This bullshit needs to be stopped.

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, Miranda